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# 'Re-humanizing' the fallen

**Exhibit uses painted portraits to capture the souls of U.S. forces killed in Iraq, Afghanistan** 











Army Pfc. Melissa J. Hobart Photos courtesy of "Faces of the Fa

Annette Polan shows the portrait she painted of Spc. Brandon Tobler, 19, of Portland, Ore., who was killed March 22, 2003, when his Humvee crashed during a blinding sandstorm while his unit was moving from Kuwait to Baghdad. Polan said she calls Tobler "my baby ... a young prince." Tobler's portrait and the portraits of 1,326 other troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan are part of the "Faces of the Fallen" exhibit.

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#### **States**

Immigrant smuggling case: Houston jurors began deliberations Monday on charges that Tyrone Williams let more than a dozen illegal immigrants die in the back of his unventilated

truck because he was greedy.
Williams, a Jamaican citizen, is accused of driving and abandoning a trailer at the center of the nation's deadliest human smug-gling attempt. If convicted, Williams could be executed for his role in the May 2003 smuggling attempt that resulted in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants. The jury of five men and seven women got the case late Friday, then got a weekend recess.

Feet-washing controversy: Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley has decided to wash the feet of both women and men during this year's Holy Thursday foot-washing ritual, a year after angering Catholic women by washing only men's feet.

O'Malley decision, which came after consulting with the Vatican, drew immediate praise from advocates for a greater role for women in the Catholic Church.

Colo. lodge fire: Authorities are fearing the worst after a search came up empty for three missing children believed to be among the victims of a powerful blast that leveled a secluded mountain lodge and injured dozens.

Fire investigators were expected to return the Electric Mountain Lodge on Monday Officials had not determined what triggered the explosion, but said it may have been caused by propane gas used to heat the site.

Sharpton vs. violent music: The Rev. Al Sharpton, who is mounting a campaign against violence in rap music, said he is plan-ning to buy stock in record companies that produce hip hop, then become vocal as a stockholder

"I don't think too many CEOs want to see me come into his stockholders' meeting to say they're not doing enough to stop the vio-lence," Sharpton told the New York Daily News for Monday editions, though he did not say how much stock he plans to buy or from which company.

Fla. girl's death: At Jessica Lunsford's church in Homosassa, Fla., the Rev. William LaVerle Coats asked his congregation to do the nearly impossible: Forgive the convicted sex offender accused of sexually assaulting

and then killing the 9-year-old girl.

Yet as more details emerged about the child's abduction and death, her father said he wanted nothing more than to personally mete out justice to the man suspected in the crimes

#### Business

Rising gas prices: Nationwide gas prices soared more than 12 cents during the past two weeks to reach a record high, and an analyst predicted more sticker shock at the

Nepal demonstrations: Riot police detain activists of the Nepali Congress Party during Sunday's anti-King Gyanendra demonstration in Katmandu, Nepal. Kirtinidhi Bista, vice chairman of the Cabinet, said Monday that Nepal's royal government could soon end a state of emergency imposed after it seized power in the Himalayan kingdom last month, opening the way for a restoration of civil liberties. Bista, the No. 3 official in the royal Cabinet headed by King Gyanendra, refused to specify when the emergency rule would be lifted.

pump in the days ahead.

Prices should continue to rise in the next few weeks on strong demand and supply problems caused by the transition to cleaner-burning gasoline mixtures as summer approaches, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7.000 gas stations across the country.

#### World

No bail for Madrid suspect: A British judge refused bail Monday in London for a man wanted in Spain for alleged involvement in last year's Madrid train bombings and ordered the suspect to remain in detention until another hearing next week.

Moutaz Almallah Dahas 39 attended the hearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in central London but spoke only to confirm his name and date of birth. He was arrested Sat-urday for alleged terrorist offenses linked to the March 11, 2004, Madrid bombings.

ETA election involvement: Spanish police have found links between the armed Basque separatist group ETA and activists seeking to replace a banned pro-independence party in Basque regional elections next month, a newspaper said on Monday

The Supreme Court outlawed the Batasu-na party in 2003 on grounds that it was part of ETA, classified as a terrorist organization by Spain, the European Union and the United States

Italian railroad strike: Italian railway

workers pressing for improved safety staged a strike Monday that was expected to disrupt the busy Easter holiday week travel period

Service was guaranteed on long-distance hauls, Italy's state railways said. Travel is expected to be heavy during the week as schools close down for Easter holidays and tourists pour into Rome for Holy Week cere-

Schroeder backs Wolfowitz: Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Monday signaled that Germany will support Paul Wolfowitz's candidacy to head the World Bank, arguing that the world may be "positively sur-prised" by the U.S. deputy defense secretary's performance.

President Bush last week put forward Wolfowitz — a principal architect of the Iraq war, which Schroeder opposed strongas his choice to take over from World Bank President James Wolfensohn.

West Bank negotiations: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators reached agreement Monday on handing over control of the West Bank town of Tulkarem to Palestinian security forces, Israeli defense officials said

The officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the two sides would sign an agreement later in the day, and the pullout

would begin shortly thereafter.

Tulkarem would be the second of five West Bank towns to be handed over to the Palestinians

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## Corrections

■ A story in Saturday's paper about Community Bank expanding services into Italy had the incorrect title for Bryan Hubbard, who is the deputy director of corporate communications for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

A photo in Monday's edition incorrectly identified Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., and Sen. Tom Har-

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# Germany unit's war deployment pushed up

# 69th TSC is leaving two days early for Afghanistan mission

BY STEVE MRAZ Stars and Stripes

MANNHEIM, Germany - Troops with the 69th Transportation Company thought they were leaving for their yearlong Afghanistan deployment on Wednesday.

Accordingly, the 80 soldiers planned to spend Monday and Tuesday lounging with their loved ones and taking care of last-minute details.

So when word came down around 1 a.m. Sunday that the unit would be deploying Monday afternoon, everyone started work-ing double time. Young troops

troops rushed to get haircuts. Others hurried to com-plete power-of-attorney documents. Fami-

ly members scram-bled to make farewell posters that they had originally planned to

craft together Monday evening, said Kim-Berly Kinnischtzke, family readiness group leader for the company The initial shock affected some of the

families," she said. "It really pushed us as far as the schedule." For Spc. Charles Danner, the Sunday baptism of his 8-day-old daughter still took place in Schoenau, Germany, but under

added pressure. "It was rush, rush," Danner said. "You

work with what you got, I guess." First Sgt. Bryan Elder said he did not know why the unit's deployment date was moved forward. The unit, which falls under the 21st Theater Support Command, will be assigned to transport infantry within Afghanistan during its tour.

By July, the 21st TSC will have deployed about 1.100 troops to Afghanistan for its joint logistics command mission.

Aptly nicknamed the "Roadrunners," the 69th could be faced with overcoming



PHOTOS BY STEVE MRAZ/Stars and String

Above: Spc. Jamaal Simmons with the 69th Transportation Company kisses his 6-year-old daughter, Daijhsha, goodbye on Monday. Simmons and about 80 others from his unit deployed Monday for a yearlong Afghanistan tour. Below: Soldiers await their deployment inside the Coleman Barracks Gymnasium in Mannheim, Germany.

roadside bombs and vehicle ambushes in Afghanistan. Three months of on-and-off training in Grafenwöhr prepared the troops for their mission. Elder said.

"I feel confident in my unit," he said. "My main thing will be to tell the soldiers to take it one day at a time, one mission at a

Pfc. Daryl Raymond already has one mis sion in his mind he is confident he will accomplish. "I'm going to catch [Osama] bin Laden," the 21-year-old soldier said.

Raymond wants to get back to Germany in time to see the birth of his first child due in October.

"I figure once I catch bin Laden, they'll let us come home faster," he said.

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# Extended 'invisible deployments' challenge Benelux



Army Sgt. Lindsay Bjelde, left, received a shot from Spc. Erin Grant while updating her records at a weeklong predeployment processing session for U.S. servicemembers, especially those assigned to NATO.

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

CHIÈVRES, Belgium - There was a time not too long ago when a soldier assigned to the Benelux was largely insulated from an extended deployment.

A tour of duty in this neck of the woods usually meant a lot of desk time. Duffel bags tended to get more dusty than dirty.

That's no longer the case "It isn't like it was in the old

days of the Cold War, when they sat at their desks," said Army Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski, the 80th Area Support Group commander.

"It's not your granddaddy's NATO anymore," Nowowiejski added

While they get scant attention, troops in the Benelux are going to Iraq. Afghanistan and elsewhere at a rate roughly proportionate to troops from many of the larger bases, he said. And when they depart their duty station to deploy, troops usually travel alone or in

small groups, without rousing speeches or falling confetti. "I call them the invisible de-

ployments," Nowowiejski said. Last year, in response to the increase in travel, the 80th ASG and the 254th Base Support Battalion beefed up its Army Commu-

Based in Schinnen, Netherlands, the support battalion hired a full-time deployment and mobilization program coordinator, began to reach out more to geographically separated units and bought more gear, such as Web cams, to bridge the distance be-

tween troops and families. And like many of the larger bases in Germany and Italy, Schinnen now has professional counselors to assist servicemembers and their families

"These guys and gals [in the military] need advocates, and that's what we are trying to do," said Katrina Yunt, the deployment program coordinator.

Ultimately, the 80th ASG and

254th BSB exist to support U.S. forces assigned to NATO, Nowowieiski said

While only several hundred U.S. servicemembers are assigned to the Benelux region, more than 100 are currently deployed. They range from cargo transportation specialists in Rotterdam. Netherlands, to veterinarians and firefighters in Chièvres. In addition, an element of NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, based in Rheindahlen, Germany, is expected to go downrange soon, if it hasn't left al-

Since troops in the Benelux have no large housing area to speak of, most of them rent apartments on the local economy. That requires a degree of independence that can be liberating but also challenging for folks like Yunt because troops deploy alone or in small groups with little fan-

"We have to be in tune with the units," said Lt. Col. Richard S. Richardson, the 254th BSB com-mander. "The benefit is we can provide service on a more personal level."

But as much as officials try, they don't always know who is coming and going. Nowowiejski, for example, said he didn't learn Air Force firefighters had deployed to the Middle East until he heard it from someone at church. Though the personnel are not Army, Nowowiejski wants to be inclusive, given the nature of NATO.

To that end, the 80th ASG recently conducted a weeklong predeployment processing program specifically for U.S. troops as-signed to NATO. The joint program went off without a hitch and drew members from each of the armed services.

"If I had to do this on my own, Navy Cmdr. Mark P. Businger said, "it would probably take me the better part of two or three days.'

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# Frist tries to end ban on DOD Scout support

BY KIMBERLY MORRISON

Knight Ridder Tribune.

WASHINGTON — Some former Boy Scouts in Congress last week fought back against a lawsuit settlement that had forced federal agencies to stop sponsoring Scout troops because their members must pledge to do their duty to God.

The settlement, reached with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois in November, restricted the Scouts' use of the Defense Department's military facilities

and barred military personnel from helping with scouting activities while on the government clock.

Still up in the air because parts of the ACLU's suit are still pending is whether the military can continue to spend \$\tilde{S}\$ million annually to provide support services to scouting events such as jamborees. They're often held on military property and include the military's provision of tents, latrines, water and other utilities.

Tennessee Eagle Scout Bill Frist, the Senate majority leader, on Wednesday introduced the Save Our Scouts Act of 2005, which would overturn the ACLU settlement, restore the government's support and guarantee that it isn't cut in the future

Roughly 40 U.S. senators are scouting alumni, according to Frist's office, as are 150 members of the House of Representatives, where a measure identical to Frist's is pending. Nationwide, 3.2 million youths and 1.2 million adults participate in scouting.

ACLU senior lobbyist Terri Schroeder declined to comment on Frist's bill be-

cause ACLU lawyers haven't determined what effects, if any, it would have on the

"It doesn't matter to people like Senator Frist if (the Boy Scouts of America) is or isn't a discriminatory group, but it does matter to us," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Senara.

tion of Church and State in Washington.
"When they start to get official sanction by the Army, an official branch of the U.S. government, then it's not OK that they discriminate in this fashion" against youths who don't believe in God. Lynn said.

# Liberty Intermediate pupils prepare to send supplies to Kyrgyzstan counterparts



Left: Elizabeth McNamara addresses a box of donated items Monday at Liberty Intermediate School at RAF Lakenheath, England. She and other pupils in Frank McNamara's fifth-grade social studies class spearheaded a collection drive for two weeks gathering clothes, stuffed animals and school supplies. The class will send 30 to 40 boxes of items to Dr. (Maj.) Joy Anne Rodriguez, who is deployed with the 48th Medical Group in Kyrgyzstan. The doctor will donate the items to an orphanage near the base.The collection drive will continue through May, when Rodriguez returns to England. Right: Haley Haydon, left, and Esteven Espinosa pack clothes. Below: Breanna Hertz

left, and Anna Roxstrom box up stuffed animals.



PHOTOS BY RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes



# GI gets prison for molestation

A 66th Military Intelligence Brigade soldier was given three years' confinement after admitting to child molestation charges at a court-martial Thursday in Darmstadt, Germany.

Spc. Ethan Stone pleaded guilty to at-

tempted sodomy with a child under the age of 12, indecent acts with a female under 16, and violation of a command

Stone, who is assigned to Company A, 105th MI Battalion, was also reduced to the lowest enlisted rank and will be dishonorably discharged.

## Kitzingen remembers soldier

KITZINGEN, Germany — Members of the Kitzingen Army community will gather at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Harvey Barracks chapel to remember a soldier killed in action in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Shane Koele, 25, of the 212th

Military Police Company, died March 16 of injuries he sustained a day earlier when his armored Humvee hit a land mine near Shindand. His unit was only one week into a yearlong tour in Afghanistan.

Koele, of Hartley, Iowa, also served six months in Iraq in 2003.

From staff reports

# **U.S.** troops kill 26 militants outside Baghdad

# Unusually large number of rebels attacked convov

BY EDWARD HARRIS

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - U.S. troops killed 26 militants in a clash Sunday - the highest, single-incident insurgent death toll reported in four months, the U.S. military

Late Sunday, an American convoy was attacked with gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades, sparking the clash that killed 26 militants

Retween 40 and 50 militants opened fire on military police and artillery units from the Kentucky National Guard as the Americans traveled along a road 20 miles

# U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday at least 1,520 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003 according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,158 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is seven higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Friday.

The British military has re-

ported 86 deaths. Italy has reported 21 deaths; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgar ia, eight; Slovakia, three; Esto-nia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each. Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakh stan and Latvia have reported one death each

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier was killed Sunday when an explosive detonated near Kirkuk, Iraq. The latest identifications re-

ported by the military:

■ No identifications report-

seen a recent increase in violence

Six soldiers and seven militants were wounded, and one person was arrested. It was one of the largest battles since the Jan. 30 election

In December, coalition forces killed 25 insurgents launched a coordinated attack on a U.S. checkpoint. The insurgents detonated a truck bomb and attacked in groups of 10 to 12 before the Americans called in airstrikes by F-18 and F-16 fighter

The higher death toll Sunday was attributed to the unusually large number of attackers, who often travel in smaller bands or employ hidden explosives.

After Sunday's attack, troops recovered six RPG launchers, 16 rockets, 13 machine guns, 22 assault weapons, more than 2,900 rounds of ammunition, and 40 hand grenades from their attack-

Insurgent attacks across Iraq on Monday left seven civilians and three Iraqi soldiers dead.

In the deadliest attack Monday on civilians, a roadside bomb killed four women and three children in Aziziyah, 35 miles south east of Baghdad, police Capt. Falah al-Muhmadawi said.

An Iraqi soldier was killed in Shernat 160 miles north of Baghdad, when a mortar shell landed on his camp. Another soldier died and four others were wounded when an Iraqi army vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in western Baghdad, a Defense Ministry official said.

In Baghdad's Amiriyah neighborhood, gunmen in two speeding cars fired on an Iraq army foot patrol, killing another soldier and wounding a third, police Capt. Talib Thamir said

Nearby, the head of the Kaneighborhood police force, Col. Mou'yad Farhan, escaped unhurt when gunmen opened fire on his car, police said. His driver, however, was seriously injured and hospitalized.

Samarra. sives-laden pickup truck driven



Iraqi police gather at the scene Monday after gunmen opened fire on a police vehicle in the Kazimiyah section of Baghdad. Col. Mou'yad Farhan, the head of the Kazimiyah neighborhood police force, escaped unhurt, but his driver was seriously injured.

by a suicide bomber went off prematurely near a hospital, wounding about a dozen civilians and damaging homes, police 1st Lt. Oassem Mohammed said

Police also said the director of the Iraqi army's legal department in northern Kirkuk, Lt. Col. Hawas al-Bayati, was shot and critically injured late Sunday outside his home. Further south, troops killed two suspected terrorists and detained two others after they discovered the men digging holes along the road for hiding homemade bombs.

The U.S. military reported the death of a soldier, who was killed Sunday during action in restive Anbar province, which contains the flashpoint cities of Falluiah and Ramadi

It also said 10 men captured by Iraqi soldiers last week had confessed to staging a March 9 Baghdad car-bomb attack near the Agricultural Ministry and a hotel favored by Westerners. At least four people, including the attackers and a guard, were killed.

The Iraqi troops who carried out the March 18 raid seized two vehicles being rigged for detonation as well as four rockets and launchers, light weaponry, blank Iraqi passports and thousands of dollars in cash, the military said.

Monday's violence came as Iraq and neighboring Jordan engaged in a diplomatic spat, with each withdrawing a high-level representative in a growing dispute over Shiite Muslim claims that Jordan is failing to block militants from entering Iraq. Sunday's diplomatic row erupt-

ed even as a Jordanian court sentenced in absentia Iraq's mostfeared terrorist - a Jordan native - to a 15-year prison term.

As news emerged of the largely symbolic sentencing of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who is at large, his al-Qaida in Iraq organization claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that killed a top anti-corruption official in the northern city of Mosul. Al-Zarqawi already has been sentenced to death twice by Jordan.

Sunday's events capped a week of rising tensions that included a protest in which Shiite demonstrators raised the Iraqi flag over the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad amid claims by the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance that Jordan was allowing terrorists to slip into Iraq. The Iraqi ban-ner continued to flutter above the embassy Monday.

"Iraqis are feeling very bitter over what happened. We decided, as the Iraqi government, to recall the Iraqi ambassador from Amman to discuss this," Foreign Minister Hoshvar Zebari told The Associated Press

Jordan acted first, when Foreign Minister Hani al-Mulqi announced his charge d'affaires in Raghdad had been recalled to Amman.

"We are hoping that the Iraqi police will devise a plan to protect the embassy," al-Mulqi said. "Meanwhile, we have asked the charge d'affaires to come back because he was living in the embas-

# SEAL's court-martial set in alleged prisoner abuse

BY SETH HETTENA

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - In November 2003. Navy SEALs went after Iraqi Manadel al-Jamadi, a suspect in the bombing of Red Cross offices in Iraq that killed 12. The CIA apparently believed he knew the location of a pile of explosives.

On the night of Nov. 4, the SEALs burst into al-Jamadi's apartment outside Baghdad, subdued him after a struggle and whisked him back to their base. En route, the SEALs allegedly kicked and punched al-Jamadi and struck him with their rifles

# Lieutenant to remain unidentified during proceedings

They also posed for photos with the hooded and handcuffed prisoner. The SEALs turned al-Jamadi over to

the CIA. A few hours later, he was dead. Court-martial proceedings were set to begin Monday for an unidentified SEAL lieutenant accused of punching the detainee in the arm and allowing his men to abuse the prisoner. The lieutenant faces charges of assault, dereliction of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer.

The Navy is taking extraordinary precautions to protect the identity of its terrorist-hunting SEALs, members of an elite force named for Sea, Air, Land. The lieutenant will be referred to only by the first letter of his last name, as will all SEAL personnel in the courtroom — a step experts on military law say is virtually unprece-

The SEALs acted as the CIA's warrant squad on dangerous "capture or kill" missions in Iraq, bursting into homes in the middle of the night and carting off sus-

Documents obtained by The Associated

the SEALs - may be to blame for the prisoner's death. When he died at Abu Ghraib prison, al-Jamadi was suspended by the wrists, which were handcuffed behind his back - a position that has been con-demned by human rights groups as torture, according to investigative files from the Army and the CIA's Office of Inspector General.

Nine SEALs and one sailor have been cused of abusing al-Jamadi and others All but one of the cases has been handled in closed-door proceedings. Earlier this month, another lieutenant received a career-killing punitive letter of reprimand.

# The souls, the lives behind the numbers

# Artists connect to U.S. troops killed in combat with portraits

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va.

pc. Brandon Tobler, an
Army reservist from Portland, Ore., grew up with
one mom.

But now that Tobler's life has ended — cut short at age 19 in a vehicle crash during a blinding sandstorm in Iraq on March 22, 2003 — the young soldier has two moms: his birth mother, and Washington portrait artist Annette Polan.

Now Tobler "is my baby, too," Polan said March 15, as she ran her fingers gently over the surface of the 6-inch-by-8-inch portrait she created for the new "Faces of the Fallen" project.

Polan traced a finger over the portrait's full lips. "His mouth is so alive for me."

"His mouth is so alive for me," she murmured. "I see it and think, 'I hope he had a girlfriend. I hope he had his first kiss.'"

The power of art to spark emotions in that manner — emotions a photograph may leave untouched — is what Polan and more than 150 volunteer artists are hoping to evoke with "Faces of the Fallen," an exhibition of 1,327 individual portraits of servicemembers killed in Iraq and Afehanistan

The exhibit, which opens to the public March 23 at the Women in Military Service for America Menorial at Artington National Cemetery and runs through Labor Day, Sept. 5, includes portraits or silhouettes of every servicemen-ber killed while deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom through Nov. 11, 2004.

Polan, a renowned portrait artist and professor of art at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, got her idea for the exhibit after her 81-year-old mother died in January 2004.
"I spent most of the winter." try-

ing to deal with the grief, Polan said.

And at some point during that mourning process, Polan saw the periodic Washington Post feature "Faces of the Fallen."

The Post publishes the photos of as many servicemembers as possible that have died in Iraq or Afghanistan in a gallery format. Looking at the latest Post installment, "I had a 'eureka' moment," Polan said.

She envisioned a space dedicated not to photographs, but to portraits, which she believes are ultimately more revealing.

Retired Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, the Women's Memorial Foundation president and a friend of Polan, was an early supporter.

Vaught acted as a liaison with the Defense Department, as well as offering the memorial as the exhibit space.



Army Sgt. Yihjyh L. Chen



Army Sgt. Keelan Moss



Army Pfc. Marlin T. Rockhold



Army Pfc. James Lambert



Photos courtesy of "Faces of the Fallen"



Marine Pfc. Juan Garza



They were also informed that once the exhibit is done touring, each honored servicemember's family would be given the por-

Not a single family declined, Polan said.

If the initial display proves popular enough, and enough donations come their way, the nonprofit "Faces" board of directors hope to both sponsor more portraits, and to put the exhibit on a national tour, Polan said.

Each painting is mounted on a specially designed gray holder on a pole — a format inspired by a photograph of a graveyard in Qom, Iraq, where each person's grave is marked by a photo of the deceased, Polan said.

The intent of the portraits, however, is not to remund riewers of death, but to celebrate lives that are normally noted only in ever-growing statistics, said Dennis O'Neil, an expert in print-making who provided 200 hand-screened silhouettes for the exhibit that are "place holders" for servicemembers whose photos were not available, or whose



assigned artists have not completed their assignments.

"When one artist deals with one soul, you're re-humanizing the fact that these people lost their lives," said O'Neil, who in addition to working as an artist is also a professor of art at the Corcoran

Whether dealing in paint, wood, fabric or any other allowable medium, each "Faces" artist had "to stretch himself to find something about that person,



PHOTOS BY LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

Left: Washington artist Paula Wachsstock, left, and Rhoda Baer,

a photographer and artist, install the first portraits for the "Faces of the Fallen" exhibit at Arlington National Cemetery. The exhibit opens March 23 and runs through Sept. 5. Above: Artist Annette Polan discusses the display — 1,327 individual portraits of servicemembers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

somehow capture a piece of their humanity," O'Neil said.

Before the exhibit opens to the "We as a coun

public, there will be a special re-

ception and viewing for the fami-

lies of the servicemembers. Polan

said that 1,800 family members

have indicated that they will at-

tend, including a family traveling

from India for the event, and a

military widow who is coming from Australia.

the Fallen," Polan said, "what I re-

For all the viewers of "Faces of

ally hope [the exhibit] ultimately has is the quality of healing."
"We as a country are going through a very divisive time,"

through a very divisive time,"
Polan said.
"But we can all agree as Ameri-

"But we can all agree as Americans that the troops who sacrificed their lives, deserve to be honored and remembered."

To see a slide show of many of the completed portraits, and to learn more about Faces of the Fallen, go to: www.facesofthefallen.org

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# otos from the Front





ABOVE KBR contractor Michael Hoy of Houston sits in front of a blaze in Iraq. According to an Army officer who works with Hoy, the contractor has been downrange for seven months providing support to the U.S. armed forces.

U.S. Army

BELOW Recruits wait in line to receive their equipment just before beginning basic training in the Afghan National Army at the RSub Military Training Center. Last month (Feb) marked the graduation of the 20,000th soldier to train at the center, less than three years after the program started.

TOP RIGHT Spc. Chad Davis, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battation, 27th Infantry Regiment pulls perimeter security on a patrol near the village of Omna in a remote area of Afghanistan.

Sgt. Frank Magni/U.S. Army

RIGHT Dr. (J.t. Col.) John Smyrski, Joint Taek Force Wings tight, surgeon, evaluates a patient during a cooperative medical assistance mission in illidiate village. Smyrski was selected as the 2004 Flight Surgeon of the Year by the Army Aviation Association of America for his contributions to the task force during Operation Enduring Freedom.



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# IN THE WORLD

# **Embattled Annan urges U.N.** to adopt reforms

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged world leaders Monday to implement the boldest changes to the United Nations in its 60-year history by expanding the size of the Security Council, writing a new definition of terrorism and strengthening protections for human rights.

In a speech to the 191-member U.N. General Assembly, Annan called for adopting his entire reform package at a summit of world leaders in Sep-tember, and he warned countries against treating the list of proposals "as an à la carte menu, and select only those that you especially fancy.

But getting leaders to agree on the package will not be easy because many countries have opposing views on issues ranging from reform of the power ful Security Council to creation of a new Human

Rights Council to increasing development as tance to poor countries.

The timing of Annan's appeal also raised some questions, coming just before former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker releases the results of an investigation into the activities of Annan and his son, Kojo, in relation to the scandal-ridden U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq. Kojo Annan worked in Africa for a company that had an oil-

Asked at a news conference how he believed the United States would respond to the report, Annan said he hoped all countries would find its sugges-

"I think there are many things in the report that should please many states including the United States," he told reporters. "You have to understand that we have 191 member states and I was dealing with the problems of all regions.

# Rice hints at possible North Korea sanctions

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

BEIJING - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice hinted Monday that North Korea faces possible international sanctions if it flouts a diplomatic effort to halt its nuclear weapons program.

Rice also delivered subtle rebukes to China for raising the stakes in the perennial standoff with Taiwan and for the communist country's limitations on religious freedom.

"I made that point ... and I do hope that there is an understanding that religious communities are not a threat to transitioning societies." Rice said at a news conference. "In fact, they are very often in societies that are changing a force for good, for stability and for compassion.

North Korea on Monday denounced U.S. criticism of China's rising military power as interference in another country's internal

North Korea said its neonle "fully support" China's move as a way of promoting "peaceful reunification of the country.'

"Its adoption is an entirely just step," the North's official Rodong Sinmun daily wrote in a commentary carried by the state-run Kore-an Central News Agency. "Therefore, no one is entitled to take exception to it.'

China is a key ally of North Korea, but has also been working closely with the United States in efforts to bring the North back to the nuclear disarmament talks. The talks, aimed at persuading the North to give up its nuclear ambitions, also involve South Korea, Japan and Russia.

"The open interference of the U.S. in the domestic issue of China is an expression of its hegemonism and arrogance," the commentary said.

# Kyrgyzstan's president orders election probe



Opposition protesters in traditional Kyrgyz hats rally Monday in Osh, Kyrgyzstan, where thousands of opposition activists stormed three government buildings in the latest in a wave of protests to demand President Askar Akayev's resignation. Akayev on Monday ordered a probe into alleged election violations as more than 17,000 protesters pressed their demands he step down. Akayev ordered the Central Election Commission and the Supreme Court to investigate the alleged election wrongdoing, his office said in a statement. Protests against Akayev, who has led this mainly Muslim nation for 15 years, began after parliamentary elections on Feb. 27, and intensified after subsequent run-offs, which the opposition, Europe and the United States said were seriously flawed, a charge denied by the government. There was no immediate reaction to the announcement of the election probe from the leaders of the demonstrations

# Eight admit to planning attacks in Yemen

SAN'A, Yemen - Eight suspected al-Qaida members, including an Iraqi with Swiss nationality, admitted in court Monday to planning attacks on Western embassies here, while six convicted terrorists were sentenced to two years in jail in another case.

The trials were the latest in a series of Yemeni cases involving the

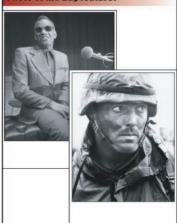
terror network of Osama bin Laden, who has ancestral ties to this tribal-dominated Arabian Peninsula country that has long been a haven for Islamic extremists.

The eight suspected al-Qaida members told the court on the opening day of their trial Monday that they had planned to attack the British and Italian embassies and the French Cultural Center in the Yemeni capital and that they

received money and instructions from al-Qaida operatives in Saudi Arabia. They face five to 10 yeas in jail if convicted.

The suspects, including five Yemenis, Iraqi-born Swiss national Anwar Bayan Sadiq al-Gaylani and Syrians Omran Mohammed Said and Majid Omar Nizan, were detained during recent months in a crackdown on terrorism by Yemeni authorities.

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# **Qatar sponsors anti-terrorism protests**

BY ADNAN MALE The Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Waving banners saying "No To Terrorism," more than 1,000 Qataris on Monday protested the weekend's rare sui-

cide bombing in this sleepy Gulf state that killed one Briton and injured a dozen others. The state-orchestrated rally was held in a desert lot several hundred yards from the Doha Players Theater, which was targeted in Saturday's suicide bombing that Qatar has blamed on an Egyptian computer programmer who had worked here for

five years. About 20 Western expatriates, some wearing blue jeans, were among the Oatari protesters, hundreds of whom wore white flowing robes, waved Qatar's maroon and white national flag and raised placards denouncing terrorism and saying "Western Expats. We Love You." Several Oataris

held somber prayers at the protest site. The attack killed Jonathan Adams, a British teacher who was the director of a local production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," the play that was being performed

when the suicide bomber struck. "I am here for John and to express my anger at what happened and I believe this is not the work of Qataris," said Nick Blessley, a 56-year-old employee of the state-owned Qatar Petroleum company, from Glasgow, Scotland, who was a friend of Adams.

Qatari media outlets called for people to take part in the "Rally of Indignation" protest in Doha's northern Farek Kelab sub-urb Monday afternoon, Nearby, about 50 heavily armed paratroopers patrolled the cordoned-off theater compound devastated by the blast. Foreigners attended the protest despite warnings from Western embassies not to gather in public.

Newspapers plastered pictures of the alleged bomber, Egyptian Omar Ahmed Abdullah Ali, alongside photographs of Adams. The Briton had lived in Qatar for two years after working in Dubai and Sri Lanka, according to reports.

"We are very angry with what is happened in our country and we will back our government in every way to make sure none of this will ever happen again," said Hassan al-Kindi, a 60-year-old Doha businessman, who attended the rally, "We want the world to know that Oatar is a safe place for everyone.'

The idea of organizing an anti-terrorism rally is similar to tactics used by other Gulf nations trying to turn public opinion against terrorist acts

In Saudi Arabia, for example, the government has publicized several cases where families of suicide attackers have con-demned their sons. Families have often called the attacks un-Islamic.

Saudi authorities have also aired television documentaries showing families' agony after attacks, and persuaded Islamic clerics to describe such acts as un-Islamic.

Qatari papers carried full-page ads condemning the attack and offering condolences to Adams' widow and children.

# Indonesia planning to ban terror group

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Indonesia plans to formally outlaw the al-Qaida-linked terror group Jemaah Islamiyah, a move that will make it easier for authorities to arrest and prosecute militants in the world's most populous Muslim nation, a top security official said Monday.

Banning the organization which is listed by the United Nations as a terrorist group - will please the United States and other foreign governments but risks opposition from Muslim groups and political parties that it may herald a broader

crackdown on Islamic activists. Ansvaad Mbai, who heads the counterterrorism desk at Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry for Political and Security Affairs, said the government intends to outlaw the group, which is blamed for a host of attacks and plots throughout Southeast Asia, including the 2002 Bali nightclub attacks.

"I am convinced that this will

Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is very concerned with this prob-lem," he said. "The reason this is not being done immediately is be cause the political situation is still very sensitive.

Authorities have locked up more than 150 militants in the last three years, but officials balk at publicly identifying them as belonging to Jemaah Islamiyah or being motivated by sympathy

Part of the reluctance to ban Jemaah Islamiyah rests on its name, which means "Islamic community." Proponents of an Islamic state in secular Indonesia, who were brutally repressed under former dictator Suharto, fear that such a ban could mean they too will be targeted.

Mbai said that banning the group was essential in the fight against terror.

Jemaah Islamiyah's alleged spiritual leader, Abu Bakar Bash ir, was sentenced to 30 months in jail earlier this month for conspir-acy in the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings that killed 202 people.

## Christians celebrate Palm Sunday in Jerusalem



Christian pilgrims walk down the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, some holding palm leaves, during the traditional Palm Sunday procession. Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week for Christians, commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, when his followers laid palm branches in his path. Holy Week is the most important season on the Christian calendar and culminates with Easter Sunday.

# Two U.N. peacekeepers killed in separate battles in Haiti

BY STEVENSON JACOBS

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE. Haiti -U.N. troops and ex-soldiers from Haiti's disbanded army fought two gunbattles in the country's southwest and center, killing at least four people, including two peacekeepers, in the deadliest

day for the 10-month-old U.N. mission, officials said.

The Sri Lankan and Nepalese soldiers who died Sunday were the first peacekeepers killed in fighting here since the U.N. troops arrived in June 2004, replacing a U.S.-led force, to try to stabilize the impoverished, volatile nation following the ouster of its leader.

The first clash erupted after U.N. troops raided a police station occupied by armed ex-soldiers in Petit-Goave, an ex-soldier stronghold about 45 miles west of Portau-Prince, setting off a fierce gunbattle, U.N. spokesman Toussaint Kongo-Doudou said.

"We lost one man," Kongo-Dou-dou said, adding that three other

stable condition. Two ex-soldiers died and 10 others were wounded.

Using a loudspeaker, the Brazilian commander of U.N. troops in Haiti, Lt. Ge. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro, had tried for 20 minutes to get the former soldiers to sur-render peacefully when they opened fire on U.N. troops, Kongo Doudou said

Later Sunday, a group of Nepalese soldiers driving to the central town of Hinche exchanged gunfire with a different group of former soldiers, U.N. spokesman Damian Onses-Cardona said. The ex-soldiers killed one Nepalese and stole one of their vehicles. It wasn't clear if the ex-soldiers suffered any casualties



# Pope's frailty raises recovery doubts | Italy

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - Pone John Paul II's latest appearance stirred tens of thousands of pilgrims, but the frail pontiff's inability to manage a simple greeting to his largest audience in months raised new questions about his recovery.

John Paul pressed a hand to his face and nounded a lectern in anparent frustration during his Palm Sunday appearance, which lasted less than a minute, at a window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square.

It was the first time in 26 years as pope that he was unable to preside over the Mass ushering in Holy Week, the most important season on the Christian calendar and long one of his favorite appointments.

His face looking drawn and his lips curled in a pucker, the 84-year-old pontiff did not offer even a simply worded greeting from his third-floor window, which was adorned with a braided palm frond and a crimson nanal hanner

Just a week earlier, before his release from a Rome hospital after Feb. 24 surgery to insert a breathing tube in his windpipe, John Paul had managed two sentences in a raspy voice. But on Sunday, with up to 50,000 expectant pilgrims packing the square, he said nothing, slapping the lectern with an open hand after waving an olive branch

Vatican television did not zoom in close on the pope as it has during his other recent window appearances.

The adoring crowd applauded and grew teary-eyed at the sight of John Paul, clearly moved even though he didn't address the faithful or read out a few lines of his weekly blessing.

The mute appearance threw fresh doubts on the pope's convalescence after being hospitalized for two breathing crises in less than a month. It was yet another signal that the papacy is entering a new phase, with the pope in the background delegating important events to top churchmen.

The pope suffers from Parkinson's disease, which affects muscle control and makes it difficult for him to speak clearly. The Vatican has said the pope's doctors will decide when the tube should be removed from his throat.



Pope John Paul II touches his face after he blessed pilgrims and faithful from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday. The pontiff was unable to preside over Palm Sunday Mass for the first time in his 26-year papacy, appeared at his apartment window to greet tens of thousands of pilgrims who filled St. Peter's Square.

# honors Mafia. victims

The Associated Press

ROME - Thousands of students from across Italy gathered in a Rome stadium Monday to commemorate hundreds of policemen, magistrates and citizens killed by the Mafia in over a century.

About 8,000 students applauded as the names of 640 people who have been killed by the mob since 1893 were read out in Rome's Flaminio Stadium. The names that drew the biggest applause were those of anti-Mafia prosecutors Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, killed in back-to-back slayings shocked the country

Rome's City Hall, one of the oranizers, said the students were from 130 schools across the country, including from regions where organized crime is deeply rooted, such as Sicily, Calabria, Campa-nia and Puglia in the south.

The ceremony was one in a series of events planned in the capital to commemorate victims of mob-related violence. Later in the day, the victims' names were to be read out loud in a solemn ceremony at the Capitoline Hill.

Italy has marked March 21 as a "Day of Memory and of Commitment" to continue the fight against the mob since 1996.

The Mafia has kept a low profile in recent years, pressing ahead with activities such as gaining control of public works contracts in

The killings of Falcone and Borsellino, which provoked an unprecedented wave of anger in Italy, prompted the government to step up its war against the Mafia. and eventually led to the arrest of the then-head of the Sicilian Mafia, Salvatore "Toto" Riina.

However, the man who is believed to have taken over, Bernardo Provenzano, has been on the run for over 40 years and remains

# WWII bombing of Danish school remembered

BY JAN M. OLSEN The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark -A few hundred people gathered Monday at the site of a school mistakenly bombed by British warplanes 60 years ago during an attack on the Nazi occupying forces' headquarters, and survi vors recalled the horror of what became Denmark's worst wartime tragedy.

The March 21, 1945, accidental bombing of Copenhagen's Joan of Arc School killed 86 students and 13 adults.

The 48 British warplanes that roared over Copenhagen that day were heading for the Nazis

Gestapo headquarters. Flying low to avoid radar and to ensure accuracy most of the planes dropped their bombs on the feared agency's building.

But one plane struck a lamppost and crashed behind the school, which was run by nuns from France

The planes that followed mistakenly thought the billowing smoke from the wreckage of the Mosquito plane was a marker for the target and they dropped their 500-pound bombs on the school at 11:22 a.m., Scores of students were killed in what proved to be Denmark's worst World War II catastrophe.

"It was a horrible day that

stands sharp in my memory Elisa Lotz, a survivor, said in an interview after a brief memorial ceremony in front of a granite monument depicting a Roman Catholic nun sheltering two pu-

The silent crowd of about 300 survivors relatives and officials laid wreaths and flowers at the foot of the sculpture.

Another survivor, Lene Jensen, who was 7 years old at the time, remembered being buried in the rubble and being dug out by a firefighter "I was put on the ground and

sat next to a little girl who was dead," she said.

Six 500-pound bombs reduced

the Gestapo headquarters to rub ble and killed some 70 Nazis and 20 Danes held captive inside. Nine Royal Air Force crew members died when their planes were shot down by German anti-aircraft fire.

The destroyed school was never rebuilt. Instead, the spot is marked by the statue of the nun.

When German troops invaded their northern neighbor on April 9, 1940, they met little resis-tance. The Danish government protested but remained in power and cooperated with the Nazis, until they surrendered on May 4, 1945, as Allied troops advanced in Eurone

Except for fights with the Danish resistance, no battles were fought in Denmark.

# Racist attacks on rise

PARIS - Racist and anti-Semitic violence in France nearly doubled in 2004, hitting the highest level ever recorded and showing no sign of slowing, according to an official study released Monday.

Jews and Muslims were the victims of 1.565 recorded acts of violence, threats and intimidation in 2004, up from 833 a year earlier, the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights said in its annual report

## Sausage grinder death

Norway 40-year-old Norwegian was killed instantly Monday when he fell or was sucked into an industrial sau sage grinder while at work in an Oslo meat factory, police said.

The man, whose name was not released, was working at the huge machine at the Aakeberg Sko-glunn Poelsemakeri. It was not immediately clear how he ended up in the grinder at about 5:30 a.m. The Norwegian Labor Inspec-

tion Authority was also investigating the cause of the accident, and the state of safety devices in and around the grinder.

## France's 35-hour week

PARIS - Heated debate over dismantling France's 35-hour workweek has fed into wider political and literary soul-searching on themes ranging from the country's economic frailty and bureaucratic office culture to whether quality of life should be measured

Lawmakers are about to hold the final vote on a govern-ment-backed bill effectively restoring the previous 39-hour work-

President Jacques Chirac's government has sold the plan as a chance to "Work More to Earn

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# IN THE STATES

# Schiavo case goes before federal judge

BY VICKIE CHACHERE The Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. - The parents of Terri Schiavo asked a judge to reinsert the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube Monday, following an extraordinary political fight that consumed both chambers of Congress and prompted the president to rush back to the White House.

An attorney for Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, arrived at federal district court in Tampa and filed a request for an emergency injunction to keep their daughter

It was assigned to U.S. District Judge James Whittemore, who was nominated to the court in 1999 by President Clinton. He set a hearing for Monday afternoon, according to a court Web site.

David Gibbs II, attorney for the parents, said the judge had sent a message saying he was reviewing the filings in the case.

Earlier Monday, the House, following a move by the Senate, passed a bill to let the parents ask a federal judge to prolong Schiavo's life by reinserting her feeding tube. President Bush signed the measure less than an hour

Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, said he was outraged that lawmakers and the president were intervening in the contentious right-to-die battle. He has fought for years with his wife's parents over whether she should be permitted to die or be kept alive through the feeding tube.

brain-damaged

The Associated Press

LONDON - The Vatican said

pulling the feeding tube from an

woman interfered with divine

Orthodox Jews took the oppo-

site view, saying keeping her

alive tampered with the process

of death. And Islamic scholars

were divided on the ethics of

American

providence.



"This is a sad day for Terri. But I'll tell you

Good Morning America" on Monday. The lawsuit alleges a series of rights viola beliefs were being infringed upon, that the removal of the feeding tube violated her rights and that she was not provided an independent attorney to represent her interests.

Outside the hospice where his daughter entered her fourth day without food or water. Bob Schindler told reporters "I'm numb, I'm iust totally numb. This whole thing, it's hard to believe it."

A shout of joy was heard from the crowd outside the hospice when news of the House bill's passage came. Among those cheering was David Bayly, 45, of Toledo, Ohio: "I'm over-joyed to see the vote and see Terri's life ex-

tended by whatever amount God gives her The 41-year-old woman's feeding tube was removed Friday on a Florida judge's order. Schiavo could linger for one or two weeks if the tube is not reinserted - as has happened twice before

Terri Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped briefly because of a possible potassium imbalance brought on by an eating disorder. She can breathe on her own, but has relied on the feeding tube to

Court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery. Her husband says she would not want to be kept alive in that condition, but her parents

insist she could recover with treatment. Bob Schindler visited his daughter late Sunday and said he noticed the effects of dehydration on her. He said she appeared to be getting tired, but eventually responded to his teas-ing by making a face at him. "It tells us she's still with us," he said.

hope of recovery.

cess because it is not permissible

to place these there in the first place," Zohar said, adding that

this applies only if there is no

Opinion in the Muslim world is

mixed. "Islamic scholars and sci-

entists have two different opin-

ions in this case, some say that

ending the life of a person in a

hopeless condition is considered

murder and is forbidden, while

others say that it could be done if the physicians assure that the pa-

tient is clinically dead," said Saf-

wat Hijazy, a prominent Egyptian Islamic cleric.

## The Battle for Schiavo

A look at the long legal battle over whether Floridian Terri Schiavo, 41, may be taken of life support.



MEASURES TO REMOVE THE KEEP SCHIAVO

Feb. 1990: Schiavo suffers brain damage

from boart failure Feb. 2000; Circuit Judge George W. Green

rules that Schiavo's feeding tube may be removed, as requested by her husband April 2001: The feeding tube is removed.

Two days later, Circuit Judge Frank June 2003: The 2nd District Court of Appeal

upholds Greer's ruling to remove the tube. Oct : Gov .leb Bush files a federal court brief urging that Schiavo be kept alive.

Doctors remove the feeding tube

The state legislature passes a bill, called "Terri's Law," allowing Bush to intervene. Sept. 2004: Florida's Supreme Court rules that Terri's Law is unconstitutional Jan. 2005: The U.S. Supreme Court declines to hear the governor's appeal.

Feb. Greer grants an emergency stay blocking the removal of Schiavo's feeding tube. He later sets March 18 as the day

try to black efforts to let Schiavo die Thursday: Senate passes separate

legislation. Schiavo and others, Florida judge blocks

the subnoenas: U.S. Sunreme Court lets that ruling stand. Feeding tube is removed Sunday: Senate passes legislation giving

federal courts jurisdiction in the case Monday: House passes the same hill sending it to President Bush for his

Sources: AP staff reports

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# Supreme Court declines Moussaoui appeal

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court - which saw the return of Chief Justice William Rehnquist since being diagnosed with thyroid cancer last October — declined Monday to hear terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui's appeal of a ruling upholding the Bush administration's power to bar certain witnesses from testifying at the trial.

Justices let stand a lower court ruling that allowed the government

to pursue the death penalty while restricting Moussaoui's direct access to three al-Qaida terror captives. The lower court, citing national security concerns, said Moussaoui could use government-prepared summaries from the captives but not interview them himself. The Supreme Court action shifts the case back to a trial court that could begin as

# Officials probe death of restrained passenger

NEW YORK - Prosecutors are investigating the death of a man who was subdued by several fellow airline passengers after he became disruptive on a New York-bound flight, a spokesman said Sunday.

William Lee, 48, was pronounced dead late Friday after he was re-

moved from the American Airlines flight at John F. Kennedy International Airport. After he stood up in his seat and "loudly demanded another beer," flight attendants asked him to wait until they reached his row, said airline spokesman Tim Smith, who added that the man "got very, very belligerent and loud and disruptive and was told he would not be served any more alcohol." Seven male passengers restrained Lee, and they and the flight crew put flexible handcuffs on him and put him back in his seat. Smith said.

m The Associated Press

Bob Schindler, Terri Schiavo's father, foreground, and Terri's sister, Suzanne Vitadamo, appear outside the Woodside Hospice, where Terri is a natient, early Monday in Pinellas Park Fla

what: It's also is a sad day for everyone in this country because the United States government is going to come in and trample all over your personal, family matters," he told ABC's

tions, including that Terri Schiavo's religious

Religions differ over ethics of sustaining brain-damaged woman

tinctions between letting someone die and causing their death, said Rabbi Noam Zohar, an expert on Jewish bioethics from the Bar Ilan university in Israel. "According to mainstream orthodox Jewish law, it is not only permissible but requisite to remove artificial impediments to the death pro-

nity to claim such a right?" Orthodox Judaism draws dis-

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Terri Schiavo's case

its newspaper Monday.

The Vatican condemned the

"Who - and on the basis of

which criteria - can establish to

whom the 'privilege' to live

should be given?" L'Osservatore

Romano said in a commentary

Monday. "Who can, before God

and humanity, pretend with impu-

withdrawal of the feeding tube in

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# Report says U.S. misled allies on nukes

BY DAFNA LINZE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In an effort
to increase pressure on North
Korea, the Bush administration
told its Asian allies in briefings
earlier this year that Pyongyang
had exported nuclear material to
Libya. That was a significant new
charge, the first allegation that
North Korea was helping to cre-

North Korea was neiping to create a new nuclear weapons state. But that is not what U.S. intelligence reported, according to two officials with detailed knowledge of the transaction. North Korea, according to the intelligence, had supplied uranium hexafluoride—which can be enriched to weap-merade uranium—to Pakistan, one-grade uranium—to Pakistan, one-grade uranium—to Pakistan, with a south of the material to the patient of the

knew of the second transaction.

Pakistan's role as both the buyer

and the seller was concealed to cover up the part played by Washington's partner in the hunt for al-Qaida leaders, according to the officials, who discussed the issue on the condition of anonymity. In addition, a North Korea-Pakistan transfer would not have been news to the U.S. allies, which view such transfers as a business matter between sovereign states.

The Bush administration's approach, intended to isolate North Korea, instead left allies increas-

ingly doubtful as they began to learn that the briefings omitted essential details about the transaction, U.S. officials and foreign diplomats said in interviews.

North Korea responded to public reports last month about the briefings by withdrawing from talks with its neighbors and the United States.

In an effort to repair the damage, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice traveled through East Asia over the weekend to try to

get the six-nation talks back on track.

The United States briefed allies on North Korea in late January and early February. Shortly afterward, administration officials, speaking to The Washington Post on the condition of anonymity, said North Korea had sold uranim hexafluoride to Libya and porman bear the control of the control o



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Visitors look at a DeLorean used in U.S. movie "Back to the Future" at the International Classic Car China Tour on March 5 in Shanghai, China. John DeLorean, an innovative automaker who left a promising career in Detroit to develop the gull-winged sports cars, died Saturday of complications from a recent stroke.

# Sports car developer DeLorean dies

BY JEFFREY GOLD The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — While only about 9,000 of his namesake cars were ever built, John Z. DeLorean's place in auto history was as-

sured as soon as the gull-winged sports cars rumbled off the assembly line

line.

DeLorean
was among
just a handful of U.S. entrepreneurs
who dared
start a car

DeLorean

company in the last 75 years until his career was derailed by federal drug charges.

DeLorean died late Saturday in Summit of complications from a recent stroke, said Paul Connell, an owner of A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors in Royal Oak, Mich., which was handling arrangements. He was 80.

While apt to be remembered popularly as the man behind the car modified for time travel in the "Back to the Future" movies, De-Lorean left a powerful imprint in automaking built on unique, souped-up cars.

A Detroit native, DeLorean

A Detroit native, DeLorean broke the mold of staid Midwestern auto executives by "going Hollywood" and pushed General Motors Corp. to offer smaller models, auto historians said.

DeLorean was a rising if unconventional executive at GM who many believe was destined for its presidency before he quit in 1973 to launch the DeLorean Motor Car Co. in Northern Ireland. Eight years later, the DeLorean DMC-12 hit the streets.

Its hallmarks, such as an unpainted stainless steel skin and the gull-wing doors, have been ignored by mainstream automakers. The angular design, however, earned it a cult following.

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But the factory produced only about 8,900 cars in three years, estimated John Truscott, membership director of the DeLorean Owners Association

DeLorean's company collapsed in 1983, a year after he was arrested in Los Angeles and accused of conspiring to sell \$24 million of cocaine to salvage his venture.

DeLorean was later cleared of defrauding investors.



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# Michael Jackson late to court again

BY TIM MOLLOY

SANTA MARIA, Calif — An ill-looking and sometimes trembling Michael Jackson arrived late to his child molestation trial again Monday, walking hesitantly into court along with a doctor in surgical scrubs, but after a 45-minute delay the judge ordered testimony to resume with no explanation to the jury.

no explanation to the jury.

Superior Court Judge Rodney
S. Melville took no apparent action against the singer, who he
had threatened with arrest and revocation of ball when he failed to
show up on time on March 10
after an early-morning trip to a
hospital for treatment of what his
lawvers said was a back injury.

On Monday, Jackson, 46, took tiny, hesitant steps entering the courtroom and appeared to be in great pain.

The doctor, Bert Weiner of Cottage Hospital in Santa Ynez, went into the judge's chambers for a private conference and remained in the front row of the courtroom when testimony resumed.

During the chambers conference, Jackson's brother Jackie and a security guard escorted the singer to a restroom. When he returned to the courtroom he was seen crying at the counsel table with a tissue over his face. He appeared to have trouble sitting and standing.

A call seeking comment from Jackson spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain was not immediately returned.

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# Miners dig 'golden' mountains

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER

The Associated Press

BURNT RIVER CANYON. Ore. — As the icy waters of Clark Creek swirl in his gold pan, Ken Anderson expertly reduces the contents, first to small pebbles, then smaller ones, then to a little sand

"There's still too much there," he said. "When we get it down to a couple of tablespoons, we'll look." A few more expert swirls and dips isolate a film of black sand in the bottom, and with a gaze born of 55 years' experience he spots it. It's no bigger than a pinpoint, but it's "colors" — gold.

"They say when you see gold vou'll know it, no matter how small it is," said Anderson, 78, a retired mining engineer from Baker City.

Mining can be a pricey, risky proposition. "Maybe one prospect in 50 will turn out to be something and most of those won't turn out to be much," said Ander-

Though it isn't a gold rush vet Greg Visconty, area mining geologist for three national forests in northeastern Oregon, said, "In the past year mining claims have just about doubled.

There are probably 4,000 claims in the area, about 250 of them active, he said, noting that interest rises as the price hits \$400 and stays there. "A lot of people just enjoy mining. Some are try-ing to make a living at it," he said.

While most new ventures are small, Denver-based Newmont Mining Corp., the world's largest, is building a \$200 million project near Battle Mountain, Nev.

BY GENARO C. ARMAS

The Associated Press

undocumented immigrant popula-

tion surged to 10.3 million last year, spurred largely since 2000

by the arrivals of unauthorized

Mexicans in the United States, a

report being released Monday

The population of undocument-

ed residents in the United States

increased by 23 percent from 8.4

million in the four-year period

ending last March, according to

the analysis of government data

by the Pew Hispanic Center, a pri-

That equates to a net increase

vate research group.

WASHINGTON - The nation's

Study: 11 million illegal

immigrants now in U.S.



Gold miner Jimmy Juhola swirls his pan to reduce the contents at Clark Creek in Burnt River Canyon Ore

But the go-it-alone flavor of the Old West hasn't vanished entire-ly. Jimmy Juhola works alone and figures he has worked Clark Creek in Eastern Oregon's Burnt River Canyon for 19 years.

With a white beard, slouch hat and a pistol on his hip, Juhola could be from central casting

He doesn't have a claim. He uses other peoples'. And they watch where he digs, Anderson said. Juhola can read the ground like a map

"Now this up here," he said through a hand-rolled cigarette, "this should pay about \$7 (per cubic yard). This here below won't pay you nothin'. But this down here, this is good, this could he \$40 dirt

Juhola knocks some loose with a nick. Back at the creek outside his small trailer, water swishes in the pan, the top gravel washes off and the residue gets finer and finer. "I got three colors," he an-

nounces, peering into the pan. He produced a vial half-full of small nuggets coaxed from the dirt in earlier efforts.

# Researchers in Hawaii find WWII Japanese sub

HONOLULU - The wreckage of a large World War II-era Japanese submarine has been found by researchers in waters off Hawaii.

A research team from the University of Hawaii discovered the I-401 submarine Thursday during test dives off Oahu.

"We thought it was rocks at first, it was so hug said Terry Kerby, pilot of the research craft that found the vessel. "But the sides of it kept going up and up and up, three and four stories tall. It's a leviathan down there, a monster.'

The submarine is from the I-400 Sensuikan Toku class of subs, the largest built before the nuclear ballistic missile submarines of the 1960s.

They were 400 feet long and nearly 40 feet high and could carry a crew of 144. The submarines were designed to carry three "fold-up" bombers that could be assembled for flight within minutes.

Kerby said the main hull is sitting upright and is in good shape. The I-401 numbers are clearly visible on the sides, and the anti-aircraft guns are in almost perfect condition, he said.

An I-400 and an I-401 were captured at sea a week after the Japanese surrendered in 1945. Their mission - which was never completed - reportedly was to use the aircraft to drop rats and insects infected with bubonic plague, cholera, typhus and other diseases on U.S. cities.

# Lucky the turtle comes through pet shop fire with devilish reminder

MICHIGANTOWN Ind . turtle that was the only survivor

of a pet shop fire may have emerged with a hellish memento. The palm-sized red-eared slider turtle, named Lucky, was the only animal to survive a fire last October at Dora's A-Dora-ble Pet

Shop in nearby Frankfort, about 40 miles northwest of Indianapo-Owner Bryan Dora now says

he sees an image of Satan's face on the critter's shell. He can spot lips, eyes, a goatee.

shoulders and a pair of pointy horns on Lucky's back.

"The marking on the shell was like the devil wanted us to know he was down there," Bryan Dora that the only thing to come out un-scathed would have this image on

The image was not visible before the fire and Dora speculates the intense heat might have caused the shell's color to change.

The turtle is healthy and there was no change in its behavior, he

The cause of fire that destroyed nine businesses or offices in the 1912 building in downtown Frank-

fort has not been determined. "Turtles can hold their breath quite awhile," Dora said. "He may have taken one breath just before and held it through the fire Except that the fire went on

and on for hours.'

The shell of Lucky the turtle is said to show a likeness of Satan. **EXCHANGE RATES** 

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# Don't network – talk

The business world is rife with jargon and buzzwords, with "networking" one of the most popular. Still, this much-practiced little-understood ritual of career advancement and business protocol drives many people bonkers - it's stilted, degrading, obnoxious, obsequious, insincere, et al., right? Not necessarily, says Marc Karasu, a career counselor and vice president at Yahoo HotJobs, the job

search site associated with Inter-

net portal Yahoo Inc. Consider networking akin to casual small talk at a social gathering, where you're doing it with ease, among acquaintances, thoughts of work and commerce a million miles from your mind.

You're just chatting — not look-ing for a new job, sale or promotion.

"Networking, simply put, is conversations held with friends, family, colleagues and others that help you garner information that could be helpful to your iob search." Karasu said in an e-mail

"That means it can occur at almost any time - not just at formal 'networking events,' but at sporting events, holiday parties or even at the gym."

The alternative, you approaching someone who knows exactly what this routine is about, triggers a defensive response, he said. The target of your networking tentacles is probably thinking you're looking for a favor of some sort

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of roughly 485,000 per year between 2000 and 2004. The estimate was derived by subtracting the number of unauthorized immi grants who leave the United States, die or acquire legal status from the number of new undocumented immigrants who arrive each year.

The prospect of better job op-portunities in the United States than in their native countries remains a powerful lure for many immigrants, said Pew center di rector Roberto Suro, pointing to a reason often cited by other re-"The border has been the focus

of federal efforts (to cut illegal entry) and has not produced a reduction in flow. Certainly that's an indication of ongoing demand," he said.

The population is growing at a similar pace as in the late 1990s even though the U.S. economy today isn't as robust, Suro said The population is likely near 11 million now.

Mexicans by far remain the largest group of undocumented migrants at 5.9 million, or about 57 percent of the March 2004 estimate. Some 2.5 million others, or 24 percent, are from other Latin American countries.

Overall, the U.S. foreign-born population, regardless of legal sta-tus, was 35.7 million last year.

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#### Original meaning upheld

The author of "Look at the whole picture" (letter, Feb. 28) is missing the whole point of the religious-freedom debate.

The point is that the First Amendment only restricts government from religion. It does not restrict religion from govern ment. The Supreme Court decision quoted in his letter is in alignment with this

Religious-freedom advocates don't ignore or overlook the role of the Supreme Court. Rather, we consider the appropriate legal relationship between the judicial system and the Constitution.

The role of the U.S. Supreme Court, or any subordinate court, in ruling on matters of the Constitution or other laws is to interpret them according to the authors original intent. They may clarify, but they do not have the authority to change or rein terpret a law. They may overturn a law only if it violates the Constitution.

Neither the Constitution nor the Supreme Court's decision in Everson v. Board of Education is worded to construe any restriction on religion's exerting its influence on government.

Furthermore, the religious convictions of Christians such as me, as well as the religious convictions of many from other faiths, do not allow us to set aside moral issues or other beliefs while participating in government, whether we do that as private citizens or as elected or appointed government officials. Religion, therefore, cannot be removed from government with out requiring many to violate their religious convictions, and to do so would be "prohibiting the free exercise" of religion.

I challenge those on both sides of this issue to research the Constitution and other historical documents relevant to the debate; then decide for yourselves what the First Amendment really means without depending on biased arguments from either side. The Supreme Court did in 1947, and it upheld religious freedom.

Sgt. David Kingsbury Forward Operating Base Caldwell, Iraq

#### Evolution: Only a theory

In response to "Support for scientific (letter, March 14), I take issue theory" with the letter writer's closing comment concerning the presentation of creationism and other theories being presented along with evolution in our classrooms.

The statement that "America has too much diversity to become a theocracy around the beliefs of one group" is ridiculous and hypocritical in relation to this topic. The fact that this statement was made by someone arguing against presenting creationism as well as evolution in our classrooms is nothing short of absurd.

Those of us whom the letter writer refers to as "pro-creationists" are not fighting to have evolution removed from the curriculum; we are only asking that it be presented for what it is, scientific theory.

I have long been aware of the glaring

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double standard held by those who lash out against anything remotely based on

faith. I have just never seen it demonstrated so boldly.

Staff Sgt. Steve Brenneman Sembach Air Base, Germany

# **Evolution: The true myth**

In regard to the theory of evolution, a recent letter writer felt it was necessary to address "reality vs. belief" and that schools need to "reinforce the scientific method" ("Support for scientific theory," March 14). I could not agree more

The fact is that the theory of evolution is contradicted by two of the most basic and well-proven laws of science.

The first law of thermodynamics, also known as the law of the conservation of energy, means simply that nothing is being created or destroyed in our present envi ronment. This law actually encompasses many other laws, such as those governing mass, linear momentum and electrical charges.

The second law of thermodynamics is perhaps even more powerful in refuting the claims of evolution. It is known as the law of entropy increase. Simply stated, it means that whatever is left to itself without the influence of outside energy, will wear out and decay. In other words, when things are left to themselves, there is a uni versal tendency toward decay and disorder, not growth and organization.

Given what true science says about evolution. I find it highly hypocritical that organic evolutionists guard with great diligence the right to exclude creationist viewpoints from our schools. The letter writer stated that religion must "stop at the classroom door." But if religion is defined as one's basic belief about the nature and purpose of life, that may or may not include a belief in God. The theory of chance self-transformation of matter is a religion iust as surely as Christianity, Judaism. Buddhism or Islam. Different explanations or philosophies of creation should all be presented in our schools. Only through open inquiry and examination of all theories can we hope to arrive at the truth After all, isn't that what "reinforcing the

scientific method" is all about? Donald K Morris

Wiesbaden, Germany

## Hughes' task is impossible

Karen Hughes has been selected to be undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs. Her role will be to improve our image in the Muslim world."

Talk about tasked to do the impossible; the target audience has absolutely no interest in learning about the great things the United States has done - not only for Muslims but for the world.

The vast majority of the target audience is in the "what have you done for me lately," "what am I going to eat today" and "what job can I find" modes. Those who read a newspaper may see a (buried) column on a vaccination program or food aid. The rest of the paper will remind them of the "oppression" of the Palestinians, and the "abused" at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Abu Ghraib, Iraq.

Just recently, a poll found the majority of Indonesians now view the United States in a favorable light. What a surprise! We just spent millions of dollars and millions of man-hours to help them (and others) through a disaster, and rightly so. As soon as the average Indonesian is able to put food on the table and have a roof over his head, he will "forget" who helped them.

We are dealing with cultures that think and perpetuate the idea that we nuked Sudan. We are dealing with societies who abort children if they are the wrong sex. We are dealing with cultures that think they can get rid of AIDS by having sex with a virgin.

Part of the problem is self-inflicted. You probably can't count the number of repressive regimes that we've propped up in the name of our national interest. Ask yourself what the gazillions of dollars in money and food aid have bought us so far.

We ought to face the fact that we won't be sitting around a table drinking tea with a good portion of the world, no matter how much we tell them that we are really the good guys.

Richard Arnold

Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

#### Why not an assault badge?

I have been reading the controversy over those who feel they should be awarded a Combat Infantryman-type badge.

I have a solution — we should follow the German World War II model and award assault badges to the noninfantry ranks. The Germans even had a close combat clasp (Nahkampfspange) that was mainly for infantry, but other troops were eligible

We've copied German helmets and camouflage uniforms. Why not assault badges? James Hoke London.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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# **OPINION**

# Spoon-fed 'news' is a source of discontent

ublic relations morphs into propaganda disguised as news. The nub lic becomes the unwitting victim both intellectually and finanas the government seeks to deceive, and the media, particularly broadcast, are helping them do it.

That's the nub of what's going on when the federal government produces and distributes "prepackaged reports" that look like

the local evening news. Call it Poliwood. This abomination apparently began in the Clinton administration

The Bush administration has doubled its budget and seems to have refined it to an art form

The biggest problem here is that the audience is unaware that it is watching something produced by the government. It is watching something meant, not to inform, but to spread certain ideas and instill certain beliefs. The audience, likewise, is unaware that this sham is being paid for with its tax dollars

These video news releases, as they are known, may look the part, but they have nothing to do with journalism.

Yet they are being spoon-fed to the public through alleged journalists. In an effort to save money and time, dispensers of news are taking these government-delivered pieces and passing them off as their

They delete information that would inform viewers what government agency has produced and presented this pointed data and purposely leave it to appear as if it

were their own. This deceit is shameless Of course the material is flattering to the administration; the administration's people are producing it. It's not news; it's public relations.

The apparent hope of its producers is that it will leave a positive impression, one that is probably inaccurate and undeserved

Despite being told by the General Accountability Office, the impartial investigative arm of Congress, that these fake news reports are unacceptable when viewers are unclear on the source of the material, multiple departments have told their neople to ignore the GAO's advice to desist.

That means it's up to the media to label them clearly or, better yet, to actually stop using them and do their jobs. They must without shortcuts, present a fair picture of what they are calling news

Credibility and veracity still mean something to some of us, but nonchalance and bottom lines have made too many people far too willing to squander that.

It's time the media take responsibility for their part in this debacle. We must change our lazy methods and return to the old-school days of acquiring our own infor-



ment and media lawyer Henry Abrams, right, makes a point during a March 11 panel discussion on media access, accuracy and accountability that was part of the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association's editorial conference in Pikesville. Md.

mation, cultivating our own sources and relying on our own work to put together and convey the news.

We are, however, in a different age So it also means that individual viewers must be aware and on guard as well. Sadly, they must be suspicious. The "news" has to be examined for balance and fairness and it should be monitored for presentations of government propaganda

# 5 cents per gallon would reciprocate GIs' sacrifice

BY KEVIN C. VOTTA

hether we like to admit it or not we are a nation at war and, as President Bush has pointed out, "War has no certainty, except the certainty of sacrifice.

While almost all Americans would love to make some type of sacrifice for their country, the only groups that have been asked to make any sacrifice are the members of our military and their fami-lies. Americans are deeply concerned over the financial and emotional hardships the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have put (and will continue to put) on the members of our armed services and their families those who oppose war in general would like to help ease the hardships our servicemembers and their families are facing. Thankfully, lessons of past wars have allowed Americans to understand that, while you may not support the war, you should always support the warrior. Unlike in past wars, very little sacrifice

has been asked of the average American Surely our soldiers are truly grateful for letters and small contributions, but more needs to be done on a larger scale, especial ly to help those with families in the States

In looking at numerous ways to help our soldiers, one solution continuously received support of nearly 90 percent of Americans. That solution was a temporary 5-cent-per-gallon gas tax that would raise nearly \$7 billion per year to be used exclusively to provide tax-free payments to our soldiers and their families and to the families that have lost loved ones fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. This would provide a tax-free payment of \$500,000 to all families that lost a family member and it would provide an annual tax-free payment in the area of \$20,000 to all members of our military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan When our last soldier comes home [from these conflicts), we can repeal the tax Why a gas tax? The reasons are numer

First, our soldiers and their families are in need of financial help. Many are re-

servists and National Guardsmen who have lost a substantial part of their income but still have the same bills. Those who are small-business owners are losing their businesses. The long months of separation are hard enough on a marriage, but the financial difficulties often lead to divorce. A small annual payment of a few thousand dollars would help.

Second, the family members of our soldiers who are lost in battle currently receive a little more than \$12,000 in "death benefits" from the government. While there are currently efforts in Washington to move that to \$100,000, that is still too low. It needs to be raised to \$500,000. How can we provide millions for each family that lost a loved one in the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy but only \$12,000 or perhaps \$100,000 to our soldiers' families? There are currently about 1,000 children who have lost a mother or father fighting for our country [in Iraq and Afghanistan] and \$12,000 is barely enough to pay for the food on their table for a year.

■ Third, 90 percent of Americans want to pay this tax. Americans want to feel like they are making a sacrifice for our soldiers. This tax would cost the average American in the area of 50 cents per week ■ Fourth, it helps with soldiers' morale

and military recruiting. While soldiers know Americans support them, this would be an excellent way to prove it. It would also let possible recruits know they will not have to worry about any financial difficul-ties should they be sent overseas to fight for their country. ■ Fifth, it raises \$7 billion for a Depart

ment of Defense that is facing tough budget issues and hase closings Either way officials need to come up with the money for the likely increase in death benefits proosed in Congress. This would allow them to free up that money for other needs.

Sixth, it makes us aware that we are a country dependent on oil. While some have proposed a 50-cents- or \$1-per-gallon gas tax, [my organization. Fight for Our Troops and Veterans] believes this would hurt our economy. Most experts believe gas would have to reach \$3.50 a gallon or \$100 per fill-up before buying habits changed. A 5-cents-per-gallon tax might not change buying habits, but it will make drivers aware when they fill up that maybe

they should start driving less or drive a little slower in order to offset the small sacri-fice a 5-cents-per-gallon tax would bring.

■ Seventh, with slight pressure (or, as President Bush likes to say, "jawboning") on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to dump additional crude on our market, the 5-cents-per-gallon tax would easily be offset. The likelihood is that OPEC would agree to this, considering its members have been the beneficiaries of nast actions performed by our troops.

■ We feel they would do whatever possible to make sure our troops and their fami-

lies are taken care of Finally, it is just the right thing to do.

This month we celebrated the 140th anniversary of arguably our country's greatest speech, Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural. In his speech, the man who brought freedom to all Americans asked us to "care for him who shall have borne the battle. and for his widow, and his orphan." This temporary tax would allow us to honor his request.

Kevin C. Votta is executive director of the Tampa, Fla.-based Fight for Our Troops and Veterans, a recently formed nonprofit organization dedicated to helping U.S. servicemembers and veterans.

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day, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday

12:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m.

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· Adriatico: Monday

through Saturday:

Saturday.

Monday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Above: The Adriatico in Portogruaro is the closest to Aviano; almost half its stores are devoted to clothing. Above left: The Carrefour supermarket in Marcon's Valecenter is like an indoor farmer's market.

# There's power shopping within an easy drive of bases in Italy

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Strines

re you itching to get out and about and lose a bit of that winter weight. but not quite ready for the great outdoors Mall-hopping might be the solu

There are four sizeable malls within a few hours of Aviano Air Base and Caserma Ederle in Vicenza in Italy. And any power shopper who tries to visit the more than 300 shops in a single day should burn a few calories

Those who are really trying to lose weight can stop by the Palladio mall in Vicenza. It has a fitness center on the second floor

That might make it easier to fit into all those new clothes. And, yes, there are plenty of clothing stores to choose from. Especially women's clothing stores

The Le Piramidi mall in Vicen za boasts 26 stores devoted to women's fashions. That's not counting the seven shoe stores All told, clothing stores make up almost half of the 120 businesses inside the sprawling complex.

The Cityper supermarket and Ovvio, a furniture store, are the anchor tenants. Several large businesses, including a movie theater, surround the mall

Besides the fitness center, the Palladio features 62 shops, in cluding anchor tenants Misfero, a supermarket, and Media World an electronics store Again, about half the shops are clothing stores.

On the other side of Venice. about 42 miles from Vicenza and 48 miles from Aviano, the Valecenter sits in the town of Mar con. Though not as big as Le Piramidi, the mall is set in a



Le Piramidi is a complex of 120 businesses in Vicenza, making it a prime shopping area for Americans stationed at Caserma Ederle. The blue sign is for a bingo parlor on the third floor.



similar atmosphere, with a handful of other large businesses, including a movie theater, sur-

rounding the mall itself. Its 74 stores are anchored by the Carrefour supermarket and Castorama, a home-and-garden store. Carrefour, part of a French chain, might be the most impressive store in all four facilities. It has 46 checkout stands, though seemingly only a few operate at any one time. Still that's an indication of the size of the place. Browse the bakery, produce, seafood, meat, cheese

and wine sections. It's like an indoor farmer's market.

The Adriatico - its full name is Galleria del Centro Commerciale Adriatico — in Portogruaro is the smallest of

the four malls and closest to Aviano. It also has a Carrefour as its anchor tenant (though it has only 33 checkout stands). A little less than half of its 50 businesses are devoted to clothing

The entire trip can be done in just a little more than 200 miles from Aviano and about 150 miles from Vicenza (by eliminating a stop in Aviano itself).

That, of course, doesn't include mileage on either shoes or credit cards.

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# On the QT



to Autostrada 4

All four malls are fairly close

• The Valecenter in Marcon is the simplest to find. Take the Marcon exit (the first one east

of the Venice airport exit). · To reach the Adriatico mall from Vicenza, take the Portogruaro exit off the A-4 and then make an immediate right off the A-28 after leaving the toll booths. Go straight at the stoplight, follow the road to

the left and turn right into the

. To reach the Palladio mall from Aviano, take the Vicenza Est exit off the A-4, the first right in the traffic circle and turn right following the "Centro Commerciale" sign into the back of the mall parking lot.

· To reach the Le Piramidi mall, turn right on the SS-11 (which runs past the front of the Palladio mall) and continue a few miles to a large traffic circle. Follow the "Centro Commerciale" sign from the circle to reach the parking lot.

Half a tank of gasoline and

12.60 euros in road tolls to take

Parking is free. Shopping carts

cost 50 euro cents to 1 euro: the

money is refunded when you

take it back.

in all four malls in one day.



#### · Le Piramidi: 16 places to eat, including McDonald's, two pizza parlors. Chinese and five

Food

· Palladio: seven eating spots (no McDonald's): · Valecenter: nine eating

spots, including two Mc-Donald's (one outside):

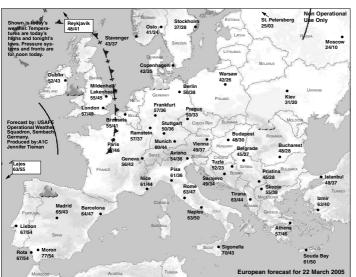
· Adriatico: five eating spots, including McDonald's.



Two of the malls have Web sites, however both are in Italian. The Adriatico's is www.portogruaro.net/Galleria, and Palladio's is www.centro

- KENT HARRIS







#### EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s to low 60s, Wednesday lows in the 40s.

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with rain. Highs in the lower to mid 50s, Wednesday lows in the mid to upper

4∩e Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy Highs in the lower 50s, Wednesday lows in the lower 20s.

France: Cloudy with isolated rain-showers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Wednesday lows in the mid 40s

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s, Wednesday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Southern Germany: Partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s to lower 60s, Wednesday lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s.

Hungary: Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s, Wednesday lows in the lower 30s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy in the morning, partly to mostly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 50s. Wednesday lows in the mid 30s.

Southern Italy: Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Wednesday lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s, Wednesday lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s

Norway: Partly cloudy in the morning, sunny to partly cloudy in the after-noon. Highs in the mid 20s to mid 30s, Wednesday lows in the lower

Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 50s to upper 60s, Wednesday lows in the mid 40s to mid 50s.

Turkey: Sunny to mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers in the after-noon. Highs in the mid 40s with coastal region highs in the mid 60s, Wednesday lows in the mid 20s to

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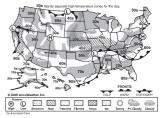
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#### Few four-leaf clovers

PA MERCER — George Kaminski, who has spent more than half of his life behind bars, has one more reason to hate prison.

"There are no four-leaf clovers here," Kaminski, 53, told The Herald of Sharon

Kaminski

time for crimes including burglary and shooting at a police officer, has collected a world record 72,927 four-leaf clovers since 1995. He found all of them on the grounds of various Pennsylva-

serving

nia prisons.

But now that he moved to a minimum-security facility with fewer
clovers, he's worried about the
competition.

Edward Martin Sr., of Soldotna, Alaska, claims to have collected more than 76,000 four-leaf clovers. The 73-year-old retiree has applied to Guinness to be recognized as the new record holder.

## Oahu drownings

HI HONOLULU — Honolulu police say they believe a 51-year-old man drowned off Oahu's Waianae Coast while trying to save his 54-year-old companion, who also drowned.

The bodies of Stephen Kumagai and Soledad Samortin were recovered from waters off Lahilahi Point in Makaha.

The Honolulu Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed that the couple died due to drowning.

Kumagai's younger brother, David, said a police detective and a physician at the Medical Examin-

er's Office told the families that Stephen Kumagai probably jumped into the water to save his girlfriend, who could not swim. David Kumagai says his brother

## **Boycott canceled**

"died a hero."

NEW ORLEANS — Leaders of a civil rights group have decided not to pursue a threatened boycott against the city over the death of a black tourist outside a Bourbon Street bar.

The Rev, Charles Steele, presidents

The Rev. Charles Steele, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said he is impressed with the way city officials have reacted to the situation.

"I had a better understanding that they know we have a problem, they know that I mean business, and I know they mean business, Steele said after meetings with Mayor Ray Nagin, Police Chief Eddie Compass and clergy leaders.

In January, Steele threatened to organize a boycott by black tourists if authorities did not take seriously the idea that racism was part of the reason Levon Jones died in a fight with three white bouncers.

#### Public service pays

PROVIDENCE — One in seven employees at the General Assembly received a pay raise this fiscal year, ranging from \$941 to \$15,423.

The survey done by The Providence Journal shows 64 legislation employees have received raises since July 1. The largest raises went to lawyers in House Speaker William Murphy's office. Thirteen workers in the legislature's auditor general's office got raises, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,500 a year.

Two of the raises accompanied



promotions to higher-paying jobs, according to Marisa White, the director the Joint Committee on Legislative Services. One of them was to the wife of House Majority Whip Peter Kilmartin, and reflected her promotion from data analyst to a \$66,564-a-year principal systems analyst to in

Murphy said the pay increases were meant to level legislative employees' salaries with those paid for similar positions in state government. "The process is not yet complete. And that's where we stand," according to a statement from his office.

#### Animal cruelty bill

AUSTIN — Supporters of a proposed bill that would strengthen the state's animal-cruelty laws say loopholes prevent many cases from being prosecuted, including a man who ran over

his puppy with a lawnmower.

The bill, however, is opposed by a hunters' group, and farm organizations are studying whether it would affect livestock producers.

The push for stricter legislation is led by the Texas Humane Legislation Network and Bell County Attorney Richard J. Miller, both of whom said numerous cases of animal cruelty in recent years have gone unpunished.

Miller said he was unable to prosecute a man who deliberately ran over his puppy with a lawn mower because the cruelty law only covers killing someone else's animal and because the puppy's instant death didn't meet the law's definition of terror.



Eggs-cellent
Abigail Scantlin, of Overland Park,
Kan., searches for candy-filled
plastic eggs Saturday during the
12th annual Eggstravaganza Easter
egg hunt in Leawood, Kan.

A bill by state Rep.
Toby Goodman,
R-Arlington, would
make it an offense for
someone to kill his or
her own animal in a
cruel manner and would
extend the law to protect
wild animals.

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## Public property ban

HI HONOLULU — A Senate committee has advanced a measure to repeal a law opposed by civil rights groups and others because it lets authorities ban people from public property.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill to repeal Act 50, which allows police and other officials to block a person from public property for up to a year after writing a warning or issuing a request for them to leave.

The law was aimed at removing squatters from public campgrounds, parks, beaches and other public places where they illegally put up tents and other temporary chalters.

But its vague language leaves the law open to such abuses as keeping voters out of polling places or barring groups from the grounds of the state Capitol, thereby chilling constitutional rights to free speech, the American Civil Liberties Union has said.

## Four die in accidents

ROCHESTER — Separate accidents in Wyoming and Monroe counties left four people dead, sheriff's officials said.

The first happened when a driv-

The first happened when a driver lost control of his car coming out of a curve on Route 98 in Benningion, lipping several times before striking a building. The driver, 37-year-old David Sheffled of Warsaw, died at the hospital and passenger Alicia Omans, a 27-year-old from Varysburg, was pronounced dead at the scene.

A few hours later, two men were killed when their vehicle struck a tree in Penfield. Both the driver, 20-year-old Adam Fici of Penfield, and passenger Chad Farrell, a 19-year-old from Fairport, died at the scene.

The accidents were under investigation.

#### She's not dead yet

VA ALEXANDRIA — When social worker Charlene Kyer arrived at Ceguma Thomas's ing, she wasn't able to rouse the woman from bed. Unable to find a pulse, Kyer called the paramedics. They, too, couldn't find a pulse and drove away a few minutes later, leaving Thomas with three policie officers to process the scene where she died.

The only problem was, Thomas wasn't dead. "Everyone thought I was dead," the 56-year-old said with a laugh. "It's happened before where I quit breathing, and people think I've gone."

After a police officer noticed one of Thomas's eyelids move and another officer heard the sounds of strained breathing, the paramedics were called back to the house. Thomas was taken to the hospital, where she spent four days hooked to intravenous fluids.



Just bubbling over World-renowned bubble artist Fan Yang breaks his own Guinness World Record by encasing 18 people in a soap bubble at Toys "R" US Times Square in New York. The event, sponsored by Gazillion Bubbles, was held to kick off National Bubble Week and the arrival of spring.



Proof is in the pudding Jonah Barrow, 3, makes quick work of his bowl of chocolate pudding, placing first in a pudding eating competition during Chocolate Fest at the Mall of Abilene in Abilene, Texas.



On their toes Dancers from Woods School of Irish Dance, South Boston neighborhood in Boston, perform in front of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.



A time to mourn killed in a fire.

Funeral director Arthur Hickerson releases 11 white doves into the air at Providence Park Cemetery in Marrero, La., at the gravesite of 11 people



Big gulp Zookeeper Karen Gibson waters the Houston Zoo's baby elephant Bella, who was born Aug. 17. Warm weather and spring break have drawn large crowds to the zoo.



Hugs for grandpa
Chief Warrant Officer 4 John
Travers, of Independence, Mo., a
member of the 325th Field
Hospital U.S. Army Reserve unit,
holds his granddaughter, Nichole
Dover, 5, also of Independence,
after his unit's flight was greeted
by family and friends, in Kansa
City, Mo. The unit returned from
duty in Afghanistan.



Spring ritual

Members of the Westerly Morris Men dance at dawn in Ledyard, com., to celebrate the renewal of spring. The vernal equinos is the moment at which the sun lies precisely above the equator, astronomically marking the beginning of spring. The ceremonial dance shakes off winter's death and promotes fertility in field, flock and man.

#### Inhaling from aerosol can

MA CORNITH — A 15-yearold high school student collapsed in a study hall after he inhaled the contents of an aerosol can in order to get high, officials said.

The boy received medical attention at a local hospital and was doing fine, said Principal Garry Spencer. He said unspecified disciplinary action was taken against the boy.

Inhaling chemical fumes to get a brief high, a practice called huffing, had been tried by 15 percent of Maine eighth-graders, according to the 2004 Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use Survey.

More than 1,400 common items can be huffed, according to the Maine Office of Substance Abuse. Kids usually use aerosol cans to get the chemical high.

#### Monument to reopen

WASHINGTON — The Washington Monument will reopen to the public on April 1 after the completion of security upgrades, the National Park Service announced

The monument has been closed since Sept. 7, when the \$15 million project began. The security improvements include vehicle barriers and a new lighting system.

Visitors will be able to travel by elevator to the top of the 555-foot tall monument when it reopens, but the surrounding 55 acres will remain off-limits until late June, said Vikki Keys, superintendent of the National Mall and memorial parks.

# Robbery spree suspected

MANHCESTER — Police believe the same man is responsible for as many as 10 robberies in the city in the last eight months.

The robbery spree started July 8 at a Bank of New Hampshire branch.

The most recent target was a

Hannaford's grocery store.

Two other grocery stores and

two other banks also have been hit, some of them multiple times. Detectives suspect the same man committed all 10 because the robber in each case was described as a white, stocky man between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet

In each case, the robber handed the teller or grocery store clerk a note demanding cash and indicating he had a gun.

However, no weapon ever was displayed.

#### Texas vanity tax

tall.

DALLAS — A nip and a tuck could cost Texans a few more bucks, if some state law-makers get their way.

The state House has passed a 7.5 percent tax on elective cosmetic procedures like facelifts, breast surgery and nose jobs. The bill still needs Senate approval.

"This may bring in more money than oil," joked Wick Allison, publisher and editor of D Magazine, which covers the Dallas fashion and party scene.

Almost 40 percent of U.S. plastic surgeons practice in California, New York, Florida and Texas — a state where fashion and beauty is just as competitive as football and big business.

#### Giuliani behind stadium

NEW YORK — Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani a longtime advocate for new stadiums for New York's sports teams — is lending his support to the plan to build a new home for the Jets in Manhattan.

Giuliani, who talked about building a West Side stadium for the Jets while he was still in office, is featured in a new commercial promoting the project.

The commercial begins with Giuliani saying "I love New York." The former mayor goes on to assert that the project will help create jobs

ate jobs.
"A city that continues to grow, that continues to build, is a city that can put teachers and firefighters and police officers, tens of thousands of New Yorkers to work," he says.

Before leaving office, Giuliani announced a deal to build new stadiums for both the Mets and the Yankees. The plan was shelved by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

#### Not ready to retire

DALLAS — Low-fare carrier Southwest Airlines plans to support a group of pilots who are challenging a federal rule that forces them to retire at 60, a spokesman for the airline said.

Southwest plans to file a friend-of-the-court brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing the 1950s regulation that bars airline pilots from flying after they reach 60, regardless of their health, said Ed Stewart. a Southwest spokesman.

"Our thought is that Southwest Airlines has dedicated and talented pilots that are being forced to retire because of chronological age," Stewart said.

The Federal Aviation Administration says the retirement rule is necessary for safety. Officials have argued that pilots lose critical cognitive and motor skills as they age.

# Church member charged

BINGHAMTON — A
30-year member of a Unitarian Universalist church was arrested for yandalizing its property

with anti-gay messages.

Matthew Fox, 49, of Binghamton, was charged with forth-degree criminal mischief and ordered to have no contact with church officials.

The church discovered vandal-

ism to a banner on the front lawn that said "Civil marriage is a civil right." An anti-gay statement was also chiseled into the sidewalk.

Investigators said Fox admitted to committing the vandalism.

# Casino expansion nixed

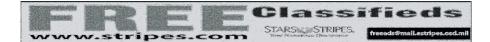
CA SAN PABLO — An American Indian tribe has shelved plans to build an expanded casino with 2,500 slot machines in the San Francisco Bay area after state lawmakers said it would be too big for the communi-

The Lytton Band of Pomo Indians said in a letter to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that they did not think the Legislature would have approved the project.

Instead, the tribe will renovate and install hundreds of new games — but not slot machines — at its existing 70,000-square-foot cardroom called Casino San Pablo.

Stories and photos from wire services

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| 9:00           | Stanley   | Movie "Cloned" (1997, Sci-                                       | Dr. Phil  | Jeopardy!   | Hardball                            | Auto Racing Off-Road Racing  | 30-Minute Meals                          | Jeopardy!   |
| 9:30           | Sagwa-Siamese Cat                                 | ence Fiction) Elizabeth Perkins,<br>Alan Rosenbero.              |   | Headline News   |                                     | Race Two. (Taped)  | Sweet Dreams                             | Headline News   |
| 10:00          | Franklin  | (:43) Movie *** "The Ele-  | (9:46) Oprah Winfrey                                  | ESPNews   | The O'Reilly Factor                 | College Wrestling NCAA<br>Championship. From St. Louis.            | Best for Less                            | ESPNews   |
| 10:30          | Reading Rainbow (EI)<br>Sagwa-Siamese Cat         | (:43) Movie * * * 5 "The Ele-<br>phant Man" (1980, Drama)        | (:35) Guiding Light                                   | Advisory Block 7th Heaven "Drocoing Trou"                         | Nightline                           | (Taped)  | Stripped<br>E News                       | Pacific Report<br>7th Heaven "Dropping Trou"                  |
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| 12:00          | Dora the Explorer                                 | Based on the life of the mon-<br>strously deformed John Mer-     | Headline News   | Movie **: "Final Destina-   | Fox and Friends First               |  | That '70s Show "Stolen Car"              | Movie * * "Anger Manage                                       |
| 12:30          | The Wiggles "Wiggle Opera"                        | rick.  | Judge Judy  | tion" (2000, Horror) Devon  |                                     | SportsCenter   | Girlfriends                              | ment" (2003, Comedy) Ada                                      |
| 13:00          | Bob the Builder                                   | Movie ★★5 "Used People"  | Today Regina King; spring                             | Sawa. Death stalks the young<br>survivors of a fatal plane crash. | American Morning                    |  | Charmed 'Paige From My                   | Sandler. A nutty therapist pu<br>es a meek patient to the lim |
| 13:30          | Dragon Tales (EI)<br>Blue's Clues "Geography!"    | (1992) Shirley MacLaine. A<br>Jewish widow falls for her late    | handbags; bacon.                                      | Pacific Report  | 1                                   | NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup<br>Series Golden Corral 500.              | Past'<br>Strong Medicine                 | Pacific Report  |
| 14:00          | Barney & Friends (EI)                             | husband's Italian friend.  |   | The Tonight Show With Jay   | -                                   | From Atlanta Motor Speedway  | Strong Medicine                          | The Tonight Show With Jar                                     |
| 15:00          | Funniest Home Videos                              | (:11) Movie *** "State and                                       | l Spy   | Leno  |                                     | in Hampton, Ga. (Taped)  | Any Day Now 'It's a Mother-              | Leno  |
| 15:30          | Growing Pains                                     | Main" (2000) Alec Baldwin. A                                     | Animaniacs  | Late Show With David Letter-                                      | 1                                   |  | Daughter Thing"                          | Late Show With David Lett                                     |
| 16:00          | Pokémon "A Way Off Day"                           | Hollywood film crew disturbs<br>the peace of a Vermont town.     | All Grown Up  | man   | Fox News Live                       | 1  | Third Watch "The Long Guns"              | man   |
| 16:30          | Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 3)                           | The Entertainers   | Teen Kids News (EI)                                   | The Late Late Show With<br>Craig Ferguson                         |                                     |  |  | The Late Late Show With<br>Craig Ferguson                     |
| 17:00          | Doug (EI)<br>The Wild Thornberrys                 | The Entertainers   | Jeopardy!<br>Headline News                            | Dennis Miller   | Fox News Live                       | SportsCenter   | Law & Order "Possession"                 | Dennis Miller   |
| 17:30<br>18:00 | The Fairly OddParents                             | Behind the Scenes  | ESPNews   | Deninis miller  | Fox News Live                       | NBA Fastbreak  | The Simpsons                             | Definis Miller  |
| 18:00          | Rugrats   | Entertainment Tonight  | AFN Evening News                                      | Countdown With Keith Olber-                                       | T VAOWS LIVE                        | ESPNews  | Everybody Loves Raymond                  | Countdown With Keith Olb                                      |
| 19:00          | The Proud Family (EI)                             | Movie *** "The Score"  | 7th Heaven "Dropping Trou"                            | mann  | DaySide With Linda Vester           | MLB Preseason Baseball At-   | Star Trek: Enterprise 'E2'               | mann  |
| 19:30          | The Amanda Show                                   | (2001, Suspense) Robert De<br>Niro, Edward Norton, Marion        |   | Access Hollywood  |                                     | lanta Braves at New York Mets.<br>From Tradition Field in Port St. |  | Access Hollywood  |
| 20:00          | Everwood "Blind Faith"                            | Brando. A veteran safecracker                                    | Movie * * "Anger Manage-<br>ment" (2003, Comedy) Adam | Headline News   | Fox News Live                       | Lucie, Fla. (Live)   | CSI: Miami "Broken"                      | Headline News   |
| 20:30          | Cietas Cietas (Deddo): Corr                       | is lured into a final heist.                                     | Sandler. A nutty therapist push-                      | Entertainment Studios.com<br>The Hot List                         | Studio B With Shepard Smith         | """  | Flute Player                             | Entertainment Studios.cor<br>The Hot List                     |
| 21:00          | Sister, Sister "Daddy's Girl"<br>Sister, Sister   | (:18) Movie * * "Rush Hour                                       | es a meek patient to the limit.                       | The Hot List<br>Headline News                                     | Studio B With Snepard Smith         | l  | riute Player                             | The Hot List<br>Headline News                                 |
| 22:00          | The Cosby Show                                    | 2" (2001, Action) Jackie Chan,                                   | Headline News   | Good Morning America  | Your World With Neil Cavuto         | The Hot List   | Friends                                  | Good Morning America  |
| 22:30          | Home Improvement                                  | Chris Tucker, John Lone.   | The Tonight Show With Jay                             |   |                                     | 1st & 10   | Seinfeld "The Invitations"               | 1   |
| 23:00          | Touched by an Angel "Lega-                        | Movie *** "Galaxy Quest"<br>(1999, Comedy) Tim Allen.            | Leno  |   | Connected: Coast to Coast           | Around the Horn  | Daily Show-Jon Stewart                   | 1   |
| 23:30          | cy.   | (1999, Comedy) 1 m Allen.  | Late Show-Letterman                                   |   |                                     | Pardon the Interruption  | Blind Date                               | 1   |
|                |   |  |   | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2  |                                     |  |  |   |
| 00:00          | Doug "Doug's Big Panic" (EI) The Wild Thornberrys | (11:00) Movie * * * "Galaxy<br>Quest" (1999) Tim Allen           | Late Show-Letterman<br>Access Hollywood               | Play With Me Sesame<br>Bear in the Big Blue House                 | Headline News<br>NBC Nightly News   | SportsCenter   | Late Night With Conan<br>O'Brien         | Play With Me Sesame<br>Bear in the Big Blue House             |
| 1:00           | The Fairly OddParents                             | (12:57) Movie ++ "Lethal   | Women's College Baskethall                            | Blue's Clues  | ABC World News Tonight              | College Basketball NIT Tour-                                       | Star Trek: Enterprise 'F2'               | Blue's Clues  |
| 1:30           | Rugrats   | Weapon 4" (1998) Mel Gibson.                                     | NCAA Tournament Second                                | Wheel of Fortune  | CBS Evening News                    | nament Quarterfinal Teams  | Olds from Emerprise CE                   | Wheel of Fortune  |
| 2:00           | The Proud Family (EI)                             | Detectives Riggs and Murtaugh<br>battle Chinese mercenaries.     | Round Teams TBA. (Taped)                              | Dr. Phil  | The NewsHour With Jim               | TBA. (Live)  | CSI: Miami "Broken"                      | Dr. Phil  |
| 2:30           | The Amanda Show                                   |  |   |   | Lehrer                              |  |  |   |
| 3:00           | Everwood "Blind Faith"                            | Movie *** "The Score"<br>(2001, Suspense) Robert De              | Women's College Basketball<br>NGAA Tournament Second  | Oprah Winfrey   | Hannity & Colmes                    | College Basketball NIT Tour-<br>nament Quarterfinal Teams          | Flute Player                             | Oprah Winfrey   |
| 3:30           | Sister, Sister "Daddy's Girl"                     | Niro, Edward Norton, Marlon                                      |   | NBC Nightly News  | The Fox Report With Shepard         | TBA. (Live)  | Friends                                  | NBC Nightly News  |
| 4:00<br>4:30   | Sister, Sister Daddy's Gill                       | Brando. A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist.       |   | Judge Judy  | Smith                               |  | Seinfeld "The Invitations"               | Judge Judy  |
| 5:00           | Sesame Street (EI)                                | is lured into a final neist.                                     | ABC World News Tonight                                | Access Hollywood  | Lou Dobbs Tonight                   | SportsCenter   | Breathingspace Yoga                      | Access Hollywood  |
| 5:30           |   | (:18) Movie * * "Rush Hour                                       | ESPNews   | (:25) Guiding Light   | 1                                   |  | Caribbean Workout                        | (:25) Guiding Light   |
| 6:00           | Barney & Friends (EI)                             | 2" (2001, Action) Jackie Chan,<br>Chris Tucker, John Lone.       | CBS Evening News                                      | (:13) General Hospital  | Larry King Live                     | (:11) ESPNews  | Body Shaping                             | (:13) General Hospital  |
| 6:30           | Clifford the Big Red Dog (EI)                     | The Entertainers   | NBC Nightly News                                      |   |                                     | Pardon the Interruption<br>NASCAR Nation                           | TIPical Mary Ellen                       | 1   |
| 7:00           | Dragon Tales (EI)<br>Bob the Builder              | The Entertainers   | Play With Me Sesame<br>Bear in the Big Blue House     | Larry King Live   | NewsNight With Aaron Brown          | NASCAR Nation  | The View                                 | Here Comes Peter Cottont                                      |
| 7:30<br>8:00   | The Wiggles "Food"                                | Behind the Scenes  | Blue's Clues  | SpongeBob SquarePants   | BET Nightly News                    | SportsCenter   | Emeril Live                              | SpongeBob SquarePants   |
| 8:00           | Dora the Explorer                                 | Entertainment Tonight  | Wheel of Fortune                                      | Batman Beyond   | Tavis Smiley                        | Sportscenter   | Lillerii Live                            | Batman Beyond   |
| 9:00           | Stanley   | Movie "A Family of Strangers"                                    | Dr. Phil  | Jeopardy!   | Hardball With Chris Matthews        | Rodeo (Taped)  | 30-Minute Meals                          | Jeopardy!   |
| 9:30           | Sagwa-Siamese Cat                                 | (1993, Drama) Melissa Gilbert. A                                 |   | Headline News   |                                     |  | Food 911                                 | Headline News   |
| 10:00          | Franklin  | woman awaiting surgery learns<br>that she was adopted.           | (9:46) Oprah Winfrey                                  | ESPNews   | The O'Reilly Factor                 | l  | Sensible Chic                            | ESPNews   |
| 10:30          | Reading Rainbow (EI)<br>Sagwa-Siamese Cat         | (10:48) Movie + + + x "Awak-                                     | (:35) Guiding Light                                   | Advisory Block<br>That "70s Show "Substitute"                     | Nightline                           | l  | Fashion File<br>E! News Live             | Pacific Report<br>That '70s Show "Substitute'                 |
| 11:00<br>11:30 | Stanley "Mockingbird Scat"                        | (10:48) Movie ***5 "AWAK-<br>enings" (1990) Robin Williams.      | (:17) General Hospital                                | Arrested Development  | Nightine<br>Nightly Business Report | SportsCenter   | The King of Queens                       | Arrested Development  |
| 11:30          | Dora the Explorer                                 | An experimental drug revives                                     | Headline News   | The Casino  | Fox and Friends First               | oponsoeniei  | That '70s Show                           | Extreme Makeover: Home  |
| 12:00          | The Wiggles "Haircut"                             | victims of sleeping sickness.                                    | Judge Judy  | 1   |                                     | NBA Basketball Washington  | Girlfriends                              | Edition 'Walswick Family'                                     |
| 13:00          | Bob the Builder                                   | Movie **: "Notting Hill"   | Today The cast of the "Dora                           | The District "Breath of Life"                                     | American Morning                    | Wizards at Denver Nuggets.<br>From the Pepsi Center in Den-        | Charmed "Trial by Magic"                 | Lost "Whatever the Case M                                     |
| 13:30          | Dragon Tales (EI)                                 | (1999, Romance) Julia Roberts,<br>Hugh Grant, Hugh Bonneville. A | the Explorer" stage show; an<br>Easter feast.         |   |                                     | From the Pepsi Center in Den-<br>ver. (Live)                       |  | Re.   |
| 14:00          | Blue's Clues Pretend jobs.                        | bookseller and a movie star                                      | Capier 10001.   | Pacific Report  | 4                                   | I  | Strong Medicine                          | Pacific Report  |
| 14:30          | Barney & Friends (EI)<br>Funniest Home Videos     | have an unlikely romance.  | Here Comes Peter Cottontail                           | The Tonight Show With Jay<br>Leno                                 |                                     | SportsCenter   | 1 5 W W W W                              | The Tonight Show With Jar<br>Leno                             |
| 15:00<br>15:30 | Growing Pains "First Blood"                       | (:16) Movie * "Ladybugs"   | niere comes reter cottontali                          | Late Show With David Letter-                                      | 1                                   | Sports Certiter  | Any Day Now 'Lighten Up,<br>Rene'        | Late Show With David Lett                                     |
| 16:00          | Pokémon Ash meets Prima.                          | (1992, Comedy) Rodney Dan-                                       | SpongeBob SquarePants                                 | man   | Fox News Live                       | NASCAR Nation  | Third Watch Doc rescues a                | man   |
| 16:30          | Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 3 of 3)                           | gerfield, Jackee.  | Batman Beyond   | The Late Late Show With   |                                     |  | woman trapped in ice.                    | The Late Late Show With                                       |
| 17:00          | Doug "Doug Gets His Wish"                         | Inside the Actors Studio "Jay                                    | Jeopardy!   | Craig Ferguson  | Fox News Live                       | SportsCenter   | Law & Order "Formerly Fa-                | Craig Ferguson  |
| 17:30          | The Wild Thornberrys                              | Leno" Jay Leno.  | Headline News   | Dennis Miller   |                                     |  | mous"                                    | Dennis Miller   |
| 18:00          | The Fairly OddParents                             | Coming Attractions   | ESPNews   | Countdown Will Kell Co.   | Fox News Live                       | College Basketball NIT Tour-<br>nament Quarterfinal Teams          | The Simpsons                             | Countdown Milk Kain On  |
| 18:30          | Rugrats<br>Even Stevens                           | Entertainment Tonight  Movie + s "Down to Earth"                 | AFN Evening News<br>That '70s Show 'Substitute'       | Countdown With Keith Olber-<br>mann                               | DaySide With Linda Vester           | TBA. (Live)  | Everybody Loves Raymond<br>American Idol | Countdown With Keith Olb<br>mann                              |
| 19:00<br>19:30 | Kenan & Kel "The Raffle"                          | (2001 Comedy) Chris Bock   | Arrested Development                                  | Access Hollywood  | DaySide With Linua vester           | l .  | American Idol                            | Access Hollywood  |
| 20:00          | Gilmore Girls 'Back in the                        | Regina King, Chazz Palminteri.                                   | Extreme Makeover: Home                                | Headline News   | Fox News Live                       | ESPNews  | America's Next Top Model                 | Headline News   |
| 20:30          | Saddle Again"                                     | (:42) Movie ★★★% "Donnie   | Edition "Walswick Family"                             | Entertainment Studios.com   | 1                                   | ESPNews  | 1  | Entertainment Studios.com                                     |
| 21:00          | Degrassi: Next                                    | Brasco" (1997, Drama) Al Pa-<br>cino. Johnny Dego, A mob lack-   | Lost 'Whatever the Case May                           | The Hot List  | Studio B With Shepard Smith         | MLB Preseason Baseball   | National Geographic Explore              |   |
| 21:30          | Degrassi: Next                                    | ey unknowingly takes an FBI<br>agent under his wing.             | De  | Headline News   | 4                                   | Chicago Cubs at Arizona Dia-<br>mondbacks. From Tucson Elec-       |  | Headline News   |
| 22:00          | The Cosby Show<br>Home Improvement                | agent under his wing.  | Headline News<br>The Tonight Show With Jay            | Good Morning America  | Your World With Neil Cavuto         | tric Park in Tucson, Ariz. (Live)                                  | Friends<br>Seinfeld "The Foundation"     | Good Morning America  |
| 23:00          | Touched by an Angel "The in-                      | Movie + + + "Throw Momma   | Leno  | I   | Connected: Coast to Coast           | ł  | Daily Show-Jon Stewart                   | 1   |
| 23:00          | vitation"   | From the Train" (1987)   | Late Show-Letterman                                   | 1   |                                     | l  | Blind Date                               | 1   |



# **FACES**

# **Hear that rebel yell?**

# As Billy Idol approaches his 50th birthday, he says he's back for more, more, more

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BY JIM FARBER New York Daily News

may be staring down the barrel of his 50th birthday, but that hasn't put a crimp in Billy Idol's ability to leer.

Ask the famously randy star about his gig at the high-profile South by Southwest festival, which took place Wednesday, and he says, with a snicker, "I'll be playing onstage with those lovely girls the Donnas, so they're fair game.'

Allude to his new single, "Scream which is about, er, oral pleasures, and Idol says, "Well, 'My Ding-A-Ling' was Chuck Berry's biggest record. So it seemed like a good idea

In fact, Idol will need a lot of good ideas to rebrand himself as a relevant pop star.

Twelve long vears have passed since he last put out an album of original material an epic wander in the desert that finally ends later this month with the release of "Devil's Play. ground.

In the inter time

Idol got on and off crack, overdosed, experienced a life-threatening motorcycle accienced a life-infreatening monocycle accordent, suffered the end of a second long-term relationship, and had a major album project shelved halfway through.
"I was going into a dark place," he says.
"I was burned out after 20 years of

balls-to-the-walls, we-don't-give-a-damn, there-ain't-no-future, live-for-now [attitude]. I was losing youthful energy.

He also was turning into a cartoon. With his seemingly permanent sneer and endless fist-pumps plastered all over MTV, Idol started to seem as contrived as his name. When grunge came in, he got lumped in with the hair bands as a sexist anachronism Idol says things had been going south for

a long time due to drugs and overwork Even during his commercial peak, in 1987 he says, "I can remember staying up for three weeks doing crack. I'd (think) people were filming me and I was hearing people in the next apartment talking about me." Watching an MTV interview in 1990, Idol recalls that he thought to himself, "It seems like I'm dead already.'

His sales began to slump with 1993's "Cvberpunk." The next year Idol had his OD. His record company, EMI, still wanted him to make a record. But the label and the star had very different ideas of what it should sound like. The singer says they wanted "Billy Idol lite."

Yet Idol says that the project's collapse encouraged his personal turnaround. He wound up spending more time at home, becoming a real father for the first time to his son, now 16.

"Instead of the ivory tower of being in a band, I was actually out there on the bas ball diamond (with my son)," he says. "I

sang the national anthem for his Little League team Having to take

having that responsibility, made me deal with real life," he says. He now feels

it was beneficial to his music that late-'90s record

shelved. "The worst thing would have been to chase fashion, to make a grunge record or some pop thing to fit in," he says Instead, Idol began rebuilding his career

Billy Idol

Punk rocker

with the help of the music that had made him big to begin with. EMI issued a "Greatest Hits" package in 2000, expecting it to sell around 100,000 copies

But it's sold more than 940,000 so far, according to SoundScan. Meanwhile, Idol reunited with his main

quitarist Steve Stevens and began touring again, with mounting success Noting the popularity of the hits album,

VH1 awarded Idol a "Storytellers" episode, further upping his profile.

Yet all those efforts still milked nostalgia. They didn't argue for a new Idol. It wasn't until a 2003 concert at Hammerstein Ballroom that Sanctuary Records approached Idol about making new music in his older style. That led to a three-album



An '80s revival has since kicked into high gear. Motley Crue recently reunited for a sold-out arena tour, and Velvet Revolver brought the musicians from Guns N' Roses back to the top of the charts. 'Watching Slash (come back) gave me hope," Idol says of the Velvet guitarist. "It made me think, 'There's life after death.'

Yet as a veteran performer seeking a return to the limelight, Idol knows he still has "a lot to prove. Now, I'm following up my own greatest hits," he says.

At least this onetime punk has discovered that 50 isn't fatal. "It's not all over yet," he asserts. "Not so

long as they've got Viagra."

## 'Dr. J' rejects university trustee role

Basketball Hall of Famer Julius "Dr. J" Erving has turned down an offer to join the University of Massachusetts Board of

Trustees after initially calling his ap-pointment a "blessing." Erving, who played for UMass-Amherst and the Philadelphia 76ers, did not attend any board meetings or take the oath of office as required within

90 days of his five-year appointment. Gov. Mitt Romney appointed him to the board in October and planned to reappoint him. But last week Erving told the governor's office he was not interested in the job.

A spokeswoman for Erving, who lives in Longwood, Fla., said he was not available for com-

The board oversees operation of the 60,000-student system, selects the president and chancellors, approves academic programs, sets student tuition and fees, and awards



# American Idol winner sued by manager

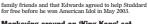
Ruben Studdard's former manager is seeking \$500,000 in damages from the American Idol winner for allegedly failing to pay his management fees and not reimbursing him for

Ron Edwards' court filing on Friday in Birmingham, Ala., is a counterclaim to the lawsuit Studdard filed in

Studdard's suit claims Edwards and his Birmingham marketing and advertising firm, Sez Inc., misused \$246,000 in the year that he worked for Studdard. The suit also accuses Edwards of making unauthorized exses after he was fired.

Edwards, 46, denied those allega-tions in his filing.

Edwards' attorney, Glennon Threatt, told the Birmingham News that his client and Studdard, 26, were longtime



#### Monkeying around on 'King Kong' set

Peter Jackson was one of those monkeying around during a party for the film crew remaking the classic movie

The remake of the 1933 classic by New Zealander Jackson, who directed the fantasy trilogy "Lord of the Rings was likely to go into post-production within a couple of

weeks, publicist **Melissa Booth** said Monday.

The weekend crew party on a back lot set built to replicate 1930s New York "was essentially our wrap party.

Filming of the \$145 million remake, funded by Univer-

sal Pictures, began Sept. 6. The movie is due for release in

The cast includes Australian actor Naomi Watts, who plays damsel in distress Ann Darrow; Oscar winner Adrien Brody, the movie's romantic hero Jack Driscoll; and offbeat comedy actor Jack Black, who plays raconteur and filmmaker Carl Denham

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



I'M NOT INDECISIVE.

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# **Horoscope**

Love planet Venus dances into Aries with a fanciful "Ta DA!" Some of you get the feeling you have arrived for the first time at love's gate and it opens wide. All the ways you've loved before now seem like puppy stuff. Try not to make rash promises. This too shall pass! Tonight, the moon enters Virgo, bringing our feet slightly closer to the Farth

# TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(March 22). Your boundless enthusiasm is so attractive this year that you'll attract many admirers. Next month shows you taking the steps necessary to make more money - better education is definitely part of the equation. Singles: The more you expand your mind, the better your love life becomes. Virgo and Libra

#### are especially amorous partners. ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're attracted to danger. Some one you like, though very gorgeous, is nonetheless messed up in the head. As the 1980s Poison song goes, "Every rose has its thorn. Decide up front what you can deal with these days.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You know what it feels like to be close to someone in proximity and be miles apart on the inside. Instead of living with uncomfortable feelings, now is the time to bring them into the open. You're well received.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're the one who brings culture to the ignorant, good manners to the barbarians and taste to the vahoos Accept your role, and take it seriouslv. Also take it humorously, fancifully and exuberantly.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Why should one person suffer poverty while the world caters to another person's every whim? The injustice of the world strikes a chord deep in your soul, and you are moved to action

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's heroism in your actions. You're in a

position to protect those you love and those you hardly know, too from some plundering person who is used to taking things by force.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

**Holiday Mathis** 

You're offered the cream of the crop and should not feel one ounce of guilt about this. Take it! It's not every day you can eat your dessert first. Perhaps you can even forgo the vegetables altogether.

# LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). You're so used to putting others first, at no small cost to yourself, that you could now find out you've been storing up resentful feel-

ings. You matter. Stand up, and be

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are some things about your quirky personality that are difficult to explain. Perhaps a loved one will never understand your emotional attachment to a certain object, but

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Getting just the right mix of people together makes the difference between successful endeavor and a waste of time. Beware of a hyper-sensitive person who could change the dynamic of the whole

ask for respect and tolerance.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

group

19). Open to a little excitement? That's why you'll be sent off on some misadventure while others diligently slog away at the same old, same old. For all your trouble, you'll have the best dinner-table story

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get rid of that habit you have that serves no purpose except to kill time. You've outgrown it. As far as friends who can make you feel terrific about yourself, a Capricorn or Aries is just what the doctor ordered.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Events this afternoon are almost burlesque in tone. Something silly may be treated with the utmost seriousness, or something serious is mocked with ridiculous levity. Either way, it's lively entertainment.

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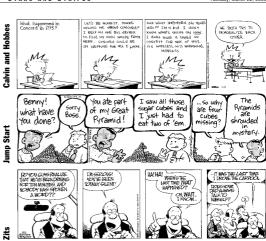
# **Peanuts**













AT AGE 5, I DECIDED TO USE MY HUSBANDS NAME

AT AGE 13, I DECIDED TO KEEP MY OWN NAME.







Beetle Bailey





AT AGE 25, I DECIDED TO HYPHENATE ... AND SIN

THEN I'VE RE-DECIDED EACH THING AT LEAST 500 TIMES!





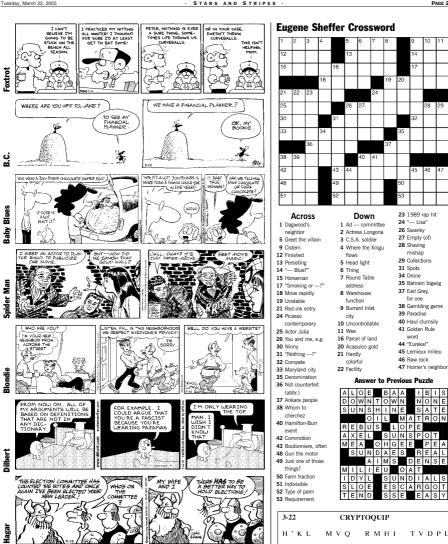








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UH-OH. LUNCH DOESN'T AGREE WITH BREAKFAST

THEY'RE BATTLING

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SHYO." VI "FTO Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE STOLE A SAUSAGE, CONCERNED PEOPLE COULD HELP LOOK FOR THE MISSING LINK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals I

# **'Harmless' talk not so harmless**

Dear Abby: In response to "Conversationally Speaking," a reader who complained about being eavesdropped upon in restaurants, you suggested that the couple engage in some "wild dialogue" for entertainment purposes, such as "how to spend their drug money" or which girl

the next "call. As a police officer who has had to waste significant time and resources following up on such reports of "suspicious behavior." I'm surprised you would encourage such an irresponsible action. Our nation's homeland security is of paramount importance these days, and our governing leaders have requested help from the public in "remaining vigilant" and reporting suspicious behav-

you planned to send on

ior to the proper authorities. Fifty lashes with a wet noodle

to you for failing to consider the consequences of your ill-advised recommendation. What were you thinking?

- Dan Hoffman, Deputy Chief, Fairbanks (Alaska) Police Dept Dear Deputy Chief Hoffman: I was thinking about having some

fun not about home. Dear Abby land security In the light of the

soher times we live in. however, I probably should have played it straighter. On a lighter note, quite a few readers wrote to describe how they have handled the situation Read on for a couple samples:

## Dear Abby: I had

the same experience. Since everyone at my table was in the medical field, I began describing an extremely grisly autopsy I had been involved in. Within five minutes, the couple at the nearby table had paid their bill and left their food. While they

may have not been "cured" of listening, they certainly got their "dose" of reality.

in the Woodlands, Texas

Dear Stephen; Your eavesdroppers must not have been fans of the currently popular TV crime series and their spin-offs.

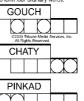
Dear Abby: My husband and I have a suggestion. Talk about "Aunt Tilly's" recent operation with details so graphic that only the strongest stomach could hold its contents. Or, perhaps, men tion "Cousin Mandy's" little boy throwing up on the wedding cake at someone's reception

- Margaret in Swoope, VA. Dear Margaret: That could. indeed, work

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# THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



WHEN SHE GOT THE BILL FOR THE DIAMOND PIN, HE GOT-Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answer:

(Answers tomorrow) OLDER TWEAK FAMISH EFFORT Why the door-to-door salesman was sourned - HE "ASKED" FOR IT

# Family Circus



"That's why they're called bonk beds."

# Prostitute visits devastate wife

Dear Annie: This letter is for the men in your reading audience I have been married to "Buddy" for over 20 years. I thought we had a satisfying, wonderful sex life. but Buddy recently told me about several encounters he's had with prostitutes.

I am devastated, sad, angry, hurt - you name it. He has tremendous remorse, regret and guilt. We are contemplating staying together and working through all of the layers of pain that such betrayal causes. I don't know if I can do it, but I want to try.

I am so hurt and so afraid that those sexual experiences have diminished what we had. I'm fearful Buddy will remember the "talents" of these women, not to mention their youth and bodies, and compare me unfavorably. I'm attractive and thought I was plenty adventuresome, willing and provocative in bed. I was sure that I satisfied him. He certainly satisfied me

Buddy has had zillions of disap-



pointments in his life and suffers from depression and low self-esteem. My question is for men who have strayed with prostitutes. Did you find yourself comparing them to your wives Were you not content at home

- Needing to Know Dear Needing: Have vou asked Buddy these questions? Although

some men may choose prostitutes because they are unhappy at home, we suspect that is not the case here. First, you are doing yourself a disservice. Prostitutes are not necessarily young or attractive. They are simply willing and non-judgmental. Does Buddy have a fetish or sexual proclivity that he doesn't want you to know about? We are glad you are getting counseling, and we hope you have been checked for sexually transmitted diseases. If we receive any responses to your questions, we will let you know.

# Dear Annie: I like fast food.

However, there is one facet that I have never seen addressed: the use of sesame seeds on the buns of fast-food sandwiches Evident ly, some purveyors of such food have never felt the agony of having one of these seeds caught beneath dentures. I'd bet these seeds compensate for the lack of ability in making buns - they cover a lot of mistakes

- A Whopper of a McOuch in a Box

Dear Whopper: Most fast-food places are trying to please their customers by offering a wider variety of menu items. We spoke to Joe Gerbino at Burger King and Antonio Hernandez at Mc-Donald's. Both said their compa nies try hard to accommodate their customers. They suggested explaining to the server that you cannot eat sesame seeds and asking for another type of bun CARCHIZ JOT ARROHET TYPE of JOHAN Annie's Malibox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox/ecomeast.net, or write to: Annie's Malibox, c/o Creators Syndi cate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite Prol, Los Angeles, CA 30045.

# GRAFFITI

Dennis 1







The can of Mace lay where it had faller from Bill's hand, and, for a moment, time froze, as each pondered the significance of this new development.





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#### Tuesday

rts, 9 a.m.-Motor racing: Champi-f-Road Racing Bark River Road onship Off-Road Maciny Bana.
Race 2 (did).
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.-Wrestling: NCAA Division 1 championships (did).
AFN-Sports, 1:30 p.m.-Auto racing: Nextel Cup Golden Corral 500 (did).
AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.-Baseball: Spring train-AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.-Bas ng. Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets

#### Wednesday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.-College basketball: NCAA women's tournament, second-round oubleheader, teams TBD.

AFN-Radio, 1:30 a.m.-NBA: New Jersey at In-

AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m.-NBA: Miami at Hous-AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-Rodeo: RodeoHouston

inals (dld). AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.-College basketball: NIT econd round, teams TBD (dld). AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.-College basketball: NIT nd round, teams TBD (dld). ound, teams TBD (dld). I-Sports, 9 p.m.-Baseball: Spring train-hicago Cubs vs. Arizona.

All times are Central European Time; did in-dicates delayed listing. All listings are sub-ject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

## Baseball

#### Spring Training glance AMERICAN LEAGUE

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| St. Louis   | 10  | 7  | .588   |
| San Diego   | 11  | 8  | .579   |
| Washington  | 9   | 7  | .562   |
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| Milwaukee   | 10  | .9   | .526   |
| Arizona   | 10  | 10   | .500   |
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Fla.

Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla.

Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauder
dale, Fla.

Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa

Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz.

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# College basketball

#### **National Invitation Tournament**

First Round Monday, March 14 Western Michigan 54, Marquet

Tuesday, March 15
Holy Cross 78, Notre Dame 73
South Carolina 69, Miami 67
Virginia Tech 60, Temple 50
DePaul 75, Missouri 70
Wednesday, March 16
Texas Christian 60, Miami (Ohio) 58
Georgetown 64, Boston U. 34
Memphis 90, Northeastern 65

Holy Cross (25-6) at Saint Joseph's (21-11) Wichita State (22-9) at Vanderbilt (19-13) Wichita State (22-9) at Vanderbilt (19-13) Tuesday, March 22 CS Fullerton (21-10) at Georgetown (18-12) UNLV (17-13) at South Carolina (16-13) Wednesday, March 23 Davidson (23-8) at Maryland (17-12)

## Men's NCAA Div. II tournament

Quarterfinals Wednesday, March 23 Bryant (23-8) vs. Mount Olive (29-4) Tarleton State (24-8) vs. Cal Poly Po (24-6)

(24-5) Metro State (24-8) VS. Cal Poly Pomona Metro State (29-3) vs. Virginia Union (27-4) Lynn (28-5) vs. Findlay (33-8) Bryant/Mount Olive vs. Tarleton State/Cal Poly Pomona Metro State/Virginia Union vs. Lynn/Find-lay winner y winner
Saturday, March 26
Championship

#### Men's NAIA Div. I tournament

Quarterfinals Saturday, March 19 Mont. 67, St. Xavier 57 Morris-Chicago 99, George

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#### Women's NIT

Second Round Sunday, March 20 Kentucky 91, Chattanooga 54 Monday, March 21 St. John's (20-10) at West Virginia (18-12) South Florida (21-10) at Wake Forest

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Xavier (21-9) at Indiana State (23-8)
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (23-6) at Texas
A&M (15-14)
Gonzaga (28-3) at Southwest Missouri
State (21-8)

Solitzaja (26-3) at Southwest Missour Arkansas (17-1) at Arkansas State (20-10) Iowa (21-9) at Nebraska (18-13) Texas A&M/Texas A&M-Corpus Christi vs. Southwest Missour State Vororzaja Southwest Missour State Vororzaja Karlówa Iorian State Vs. Iorian State (17-15) Wake Forest/South Florida vs. St. John's/Nest Virginia

# Auto racing

#### Golden Corral 500

Sunday
At Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Ga.
Lap length: 1.54 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
Carl Edwards, Ford, 325, 5165,450.
3) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 325, 1. (4) C 2. (3) \$173.241 3. (6) Greg Biffle, Ford, 325, \$121,800. 4. (12) Mark Martin, Ford, 325, \$105,115. 5. (5) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 325, \$115. , a.s., sizz, sizz, sizz, sizz, soc., sizz, soc., soc.

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(11) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 325, \$123,066. (13) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 325. 201-plus
Mike Wilson, Central Point, Ore., dec
Travis Kauffman, Reading, Pa., 24-12.

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12. (42) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 325, \$87,175. 13. (14) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 325, \$99,470. 4/0. i. (1) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 325, \$120,266 i. (38) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 325, \$99,120 i. (39) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 325

\$99,633. 17. (9) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 325, 18. (10) Mike Bilss, Chevrolet, 324, \$70,815. 18. (10) Casey Mears, Dodge, 324, \$94,648. 20. (33) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 324, \$94,648. 21. (36) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 324,

21. (36) Kevin narves, ... \$105,826. 22. (18) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 324, \$66,510. 23. (34) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 323, \$104,618. 24. (35) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 323,

\$113.518.
25. (10) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 323, \$66,285.
26. (28) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 323, \$68,735.
27. (32) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 322, \$99,553.
28. (40) Jeff Green, Dodge, 321, \$96,806.
29. (22) Jimmy Spencer, Dodge, 314,

\$55,16.2 minnly spetters, Bodge, 314, 555,315.
30. (29) Nevin Lepage, Bodge, 314, 555,315.
31. (23) Matt Kensteh, Ford, 311, 511,286.
32. (24) Wart Busch, Ford, 341, 511,286.
34. (26) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 290, engine failure, 547,525.
35. (7) Joe Nemschek, Chevrolet, 290, engine failure, 547,252.
35. (41) Nie Petty, Dodge, 271, engine failure, 547,252.
37. (19) Bodby Labonte, Chevrolet, 266, ac-636. (28) Sept. 565,386.

185,385.
39. (25) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 214, acci-ient, \$113,326.
40. (30) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 113, en-jine failure, \$54,540.
41. (43) Mike Garvey, Dodge, 15, vibration,

64,500. 42. (20) Travis Kvapil, Dodge, 0. accident. \$72,460. 43. (21) Shane Hmiel, Chevrolet, 0, accident, \$63,883.

ent, \$63,883.

Race Statistics

Time of Race: 3 hours, 29 minutes, 18 sec-

wards J25.

Driver Standings: 1. JJohnson, 680. 2. G.Biffle, 598. 3. C.Edwards, 593. 4. Kurt Busch, 577. 5. M.Martin, 539. 6. R.Newman, 515. 7. T. Stewart, 514. 8. E. Sadler, 482. 9. R.Wallace, 477. 10. J.McMurray, 475.

# **Boxing**

# U.S. Amateur

Finals 106

Marco Rangel, Scottsdale, Ariz., won on walkover over Vincent Montoya, Cheynne, Wyo., W/O. 112

Rau'shee Warren, Cincinnati, stopped Aaron Alafa, Visalia, Calif., RSCO-3. 119 Gary Russell, Jr., Capitol Heights, Md., dec. Sytel Wilbarn, Los Angeles, 16-5.

Mark Davis, Cleveland, dec. Richard Baltaz-ar, California, 16-5.

ar, California, 16-5.

332
Michael Evans, Dayton, Ohio, dec. Jonathan Gover, San Antonio, 23-10.

Karl Dargan, Philadelphia, dec. Charles Hattey, Dallas, 27-11.

152

Demetrius Andrade, Providence, R.I., dec. aniel Jacobs, Brooklyn, N.Y., 18-12.

168
Edwin Rodriguez, New England, dec. Johnathan Nelson, Little Rock, Ark., 16-15.
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William Rosinksy, New York, dec. Brandon Gonzales, Sacramento, Calif., 22-12.
Anthony Grano, Connecticut, won on retirement over Homero Fonseca, Driscoil, Texas, RET-A.

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n, Pueblo West, Colo., ng, RSCO-2. Chantel Cordova topped Adri Hardin Suszannah Warner New York, dec. Bianca Ledesma, Van Orny, Texas, 9-3. 110

Cheryl Houlihan, Nashville, Tenn., dec. Michelle Turner, Irvington, N.J., 13-0. 114 Sacred Downing, Trenton, N.J., stopped Celsa Reyes, Cheyenne, Wyo., RSC-3. elsa Reyes, Cheyenne, Wyo., RSC-3. 119 Vanessa Juarez, Fort Worth, Texas, dec. Icole Silveira, Peabody, Mass.. 13-13

125 menssa Roberts, Manchester, Conn., dec. Jennifer Han, El Paso, Texas 24-8. Ashlev Ramond 132

Ashley Barnett, Cleveland, dec. Lissette Medel, Maywood, Calif., 26-20. Lena Taylor, Orlando, Fla., dec. Lily Avety an, Pasadéna, Calif., 10-1. 145

abeth Queyado, Commerce, Calif., ed Iris Piche, Pasadena, Texas, Tiffany Junot, New Orleans, dec. Char-maine Carrington, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 32-14.

165 165
Franchon Crews, Baltimore, stopped Christine Brown, Fort Huachuca, Artz., RSCO-I.
Tyler Lord Wilder, Perry, Mich., dec. Geni Taylor, Marrero, La., 25-10.
Tameka Stephens, Charlotte, N.C., dec. Anne Gibbon, Honolulu, Hawaii, 18-15.

Tameka Stephens, Charlotte, N.C., dec. Anne Gibbon, Honolulu, Hawaii, 18-15. 189-plus Samatra Doyle, Seattle, dec. Shanon Smith Walters, Hartsfield, S.C., 11-7.

## **Tennis**

#### Pacific Life Open

David Howell, \$24,062 T. Armour III, \$20,000 N. Dougherty, \$20,000 Angel Cabrera, \$20,000 Stephen Ames, \$20,000 Greg Owen, \$15,116.67 Craig Parry, \$15,116.67 Sunday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men, \$2,724,600 (Masters); Won
\$2,174,600 (Masters); Won
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men Calcavecchia, \$15,116 If Sluman, \$15,116.67

Championship
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Lleyton Hewitt (2), Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

# College hockey

#### NCAA tournament EAST REGIONAL

Semifinals Friday, March 25 oston College (25-6-7) vs. (4) Mercy (1) Boston College (25-0-7) vs. (4) Mercy-hurst (18-15-4) (2) North Dakota (22-14-5) vs. (3) Boston U. (23-13-4)

Championship Saturday, March 26 llege/Mercyhurst vs. North Da-

Boston College/Mercyhurst kota/Boston U.

WEST REGIONAL Saturday, March 26 Minnesota (26-14-1) vs. (4) Maine

rnell (26-4-3) vs. (3) Ohio State Championship Sunday, March 27

/Maine vs. Cornell/Or MIDWEST REGIONAL hio State Semifinals Friday, March 25 |orado College (29-8-3) vs. (4) Col-

gate (25-10-3) (2) Michigan (30-7-3) vs. (3) Wisconsin (73-13-4)

Championship
Saturday, March 26
Colorado College/Colorate vs. Michi-NORTHEAST REGIONAL

Semifinals Saturday, March 26 (1) Denver (28-9-2) vs. (4) Bemidii State (23-12-1) (2) New Hampshire (25-10-5) vs. (3) Harvard (21-9-3)

Championship Sunday, March 27 midji State vs. I rvard
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Semifinals
Thursday, April 7
east Regional champion vs. Midwest

Regional champion East Regional champion vs. West Regional champion

# Saturday, April 9 Championshin

#### Golf

# Bay Hill Invitational

# Sunday At Bay Hill Club and Lodge

Jimmy Waiser, 302,100 16-01-05-12 200 Loren Roberts, \$62,759 73-72-05-72-258 Tiger Woods, \$62,142 71-76-85-72-258 Tiger Woods, \$62,142 71-76-87-72-258 Fred Funk, \$42,142.86 73-72-70-72-258 D.A. Points, \$42,142.86 73-72-70-72-258 Duffy Waidorf, \$42,142 71-77-08-76-258 Jonathan Kayles, \$43,727 71-70-68-76-258 Jonathan Kayles, \$43,727 71-70-78-78 Jonathari Kaye, \$30,375 Brian Davis, \$30,375 Tom Lehman, \$30,375 J.L. Lewis, \$30,375 Joey Sindelar, \$30,375 Joey Sindelar, \$30,375 Geoff Oglivy, \$24,062 Brian Gay, \$24,062 David Howell, \$24,062 72-72-70-74-288 71-74-69-74-288

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Jeff Sluman, \$15,116.67 75-70-73-73-291 Pat Perez, \$15,116.66 72-70-71-78-291 Jerry Kelly, \$15,116.66 73-69-77-72-291 John Senden, \$12,450 74-71-72-292 Woody Austin, \$11,600 71-73-71-78-292 Lee Westwood, \$11,600 74-70-73-72-82 Nick O'Hern, \$11,600 74-70-73-76-233 F. Lickliter II, \$11,600 75-71-73-74-293 B. Langer, \$11,600 70-74-75-74-293 Dan Forsman, \$11,600 74-73-74-72-293

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# Summitt on verge of reaching top

# Lady Vols coach ties Dean Smith with 879th career victory

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Pat Summitt would rather count the number of players, assistants and friends she's had during her 31 years at Tennessee than all the victories

Summitt tied former North Carolina men's coach Dean Smith for the most victories in NCAA history — 879 — as Tennessee beat Western Carolina 94-43 on Sunday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"It's really not about a number," Summitt said. "It's about people - the people here at the university, the administration, all the great assistant coaches I've had, the loyal people who have stuck by me for years, the people I work with in the office and certainly all the players.

"When you think about women's basketball, we have a list of who's who - All-Americans, Olympians and people of impact in this game

Summitt has a chance to surpass Smith when top-seeded Tennessee (27-4) faces Purdue in the second round Tuesday night, with the winner advancing to the re-gional semifinals in Philadelphia.

Summitt is 879-171; Smith was 879-254 in 36 years with the Tar Heels Tennessee senior Shyra Elv

said she was glad to be part of Summitt's victories. "I just think it's huge not only

for women's basketball, but col-lege basketball," Ely said. "I think it's awesome that she's representing the entire basketball na tion

Coincidentally, Western Carolina's coach was around for a good chunk of Summitt's victories. Harper was the point Tennessee's three



Tennessee coach Pat Summitt talks with guard Alexis Hornbuckle during Sunday's first-round NCAA tournament game against Western Carolina in Knoxville, Tenn. Tennessee defeated Western Carolina 94-43.

straight national title teams from

"Pat Summitt is huge for the women's basketball game," Harper said. "She's been a pioneer, a legacy, a legend - all of those adiectives. And now, her tving Dean Smith allows her legacy to move over to basketball, not just women's basketball, and I think a person like Pat Summitt needs to be a legend in the game of basket-

Harper received a standing ovation when she walked onto the court, but couldn't do much to help her team stay with the Lady

The 16th-seeded Catamounts

(18-14) were undersized and outmatched from the beginning. The Lady Vols increased the

lead to 19-8 with 13:47 left before halftime, and had a 19-2 run that gave them a 29-point advantage with 41/2 minutes left in the first half. The margin hit 49 on Brittany Jackson's three-pointer with 12:36 to go.

Shanna Zolman tied a career high with 28 points, Ely had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Alexis Hornbuckle added 11 points and 12 rehounds And in one of Summitt's favor-

ite statistics, the Lady Vols outrebounded Western Carolina 57-36. Chevon Keith and Monique Dawson each had nine points to lead the Catamounts, who won the Southern Conference tournament to earn the school's first NCAA bid.

Summitt, who tops all women's coaches with an 86-17 NCAA tournament record, began coaching at age 22 when teams didn't offer scholarships. She's been at the top of the women's game for ears with six national titles and 15 Final Four appearances. Summitt tied Smith on Tennes

see's home court at Thompson-Boling Arena, where the Lady Vols are 252-14 since it opened in 1987. Tennessee has never lost an NCAA game in Knoxville, going 45-0 since the women's tournament began in



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# Liberty women upset Penn State for first NCAA tournament victory

BY DAVID GINSBURG The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Put the team bus in the garage, and keep it there until at least Tues-

For the first time in school history, Liberty won't be going home after the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Flames outhustled and outplayed perennial powerhouse Penn State in a 78-70 upset Sunday night, taking control with a 16-1 run and then holding on with a solid performance at the free-throw line.

It was only the fourth time in tournament history that a 13th seed defeated a No. 4 seed, and this one could not have been more improbable.

Liberty (25-6) was 0-8 in the tournament, and this was the first time in four tries that Penn State failed to reach the Sweet 16 as a

"We've been trying to get this one for nine games," Flames coach Carev Green said. "It's been a process. This happens to be the No. 1 greatest win in our history." Katie Feenstra had 22 points

and 11 rebounds and Rima Margeviciute contributed 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Big South champions, who will next face De-Paul (26-4) on Tuesday night.

Penn State (19-11) lost in the opening round for the first time in four appearances since 2001. The Nittany Lions shot 37 percent from the floor and were outrebounded 39-35

"We're certainly disappointed because it's not the end of the season that we anticipated," said Penn State coach Rene Portland, who was denied a 23rd season with at least 20 victories. "I want to thank our seniors for a great run: it's hard on them because their season is over and their time at Penn State is over. No one on the team expected to

lose to a Liberty squad that last month lost at home against High "I'm extremely disappointed

We never wanted to go out this way," said Penn State senior guard Tanisha Wright, scored 19 but went 5-for-19 from the field. "They just wanted it more than we did, and it showed. They got a ton of offensive rebounds, and we just didn't do it tonight. We had the opportunities.

Allyson Fasnacht scored 18 for the Flames, who have won six straight and 18 of 19. Liberty made only two baskets in the final 7:59, but sank 13 free throws - including eight of their last nine during that span.



Liberty's Katie Freenstra, right, and Rima Margeviciute celebrate their 78-70 win over Penn State on Sunday in College Park, Md. "I like to show people what our

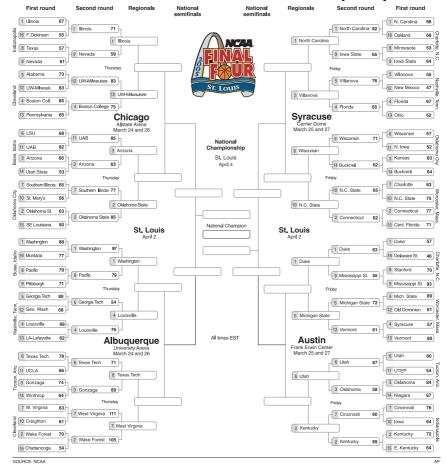
team is made of and what we're capable of doing," Feenstra said.

"I don't think that it's sunk in yet.

I'm still a little jittery. I'm so

happy. We've wanted this so bad for so many years." The Flames never trailed after using a 16-1 run early in the second half to take a 43-35 lead. Margevicinte made two three-nointers in the surge, and Feenstra had five points.

# 2005 NCAA Division I men's basketball championship



# Fine: Dreams come true in early rounds of NCAA tournament

# FINE, FROM BACK PAGE

The Fine Madness is predicated on dreams. So while a Kansas is very likely going to beat a Bucknell '99 out of 100 times, that one time when Bucknell might rise up, well, you have lived to see it even though it took more than a century, that being how long Bucknell went before winning its first NCAA tournament game.

The Ultimate Dream, a No. 16 seed topping a No. 1, has yet to be realized, but one day ... one day. Maybe.

The usual fate for those doing the upsetting is to expire the next game. It is too difficult, too demanding, to keep playing beyond your capabilities. Plus, letdowns after an upset are understandable and all but unavoidable. But for one night, Vermont can beat Syra-

cuse, and Wisconsin-Milwaukee can beat BC, and N.C. State can beat UConn, and Bucknell can set fire to Kansas. And West Virginia can eliminate Wake

Forest even if it means playing until half past June. Double overtime. A classic. Wake scores 105 and loses.

The Fine Madness, indeed. Sometimes, it even casts a person in a different light. Which brings us to the tyrant, Robert Montgomery Knight. It's been a long time since Bob Knight was in the public prints for how often his basketball teams were winning. He was as irascible as ever, but in the NCAA tournament, which once was his private preserve, he was evicted early and often.

Time, age, circumstances had all overtaken him, it seemed His critics, ahem, had to conceal their glee when he kept getting eliminated. And then on Thursday Texas Tech beat UCLA and followed up Saturday with a 71-69 victory over Gonzaga. Knight is back in the round of 16. patched his son, Pat, into the stands to escort to the court Knight's wife, Karen, so that the coach could publicly acknowledge her and her real and meaningful contributions to the team. She came to him in unashamed tears, and as they stood there, embraced, it was not possible to look upon that and be unmoved.

After the win over Gonzaga, he dis-

It was touching and it was tender. Suddenly, Bob Knight looked eminently

The Fine Madness at work

Bill Lyon is a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquir-

## NCAA tournament: Austin Regional

# Coach K gets 66th victory; Michigan St. tops Vermont

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The celebration was muted, emotions kept in check. Never mind that Mike Krzyzewski had just passed Dean Smith for the most NCAA tournament victories with a win that moved Duke into the round of 16. Tears will come only when this

unlikely team plays its last game The top-seeded Blue Devils assured themselves of at least one more game with a 63-55 victory over Mississippi State in the sec ond round of the Austin Regional

on Sunday. "Coaches don't win games, players do," Krzyzewski said.

"Look, I love this group of kids; it's as good a group as I've ever coached ... and whenever they have played their last game, that is when I will truly be emotional. Daniel Ewing handled the of-

fense and Shelden Williams took care of defense to get Coach K his record 66th tournament victory, moving him ahead of Smith to the top of the list. It took a reminder from J.J. Redick for the Blue Devils (27-5) to get the milestone win.

"It means a lot to me and to us as a team," Redick said. "You know, he wouldn't talk about it, but I made sure all the guys on this team knew about it I mentioned it to the team before we went out on the court. I said 'We need to win it for him.

The victory sent Duke into the regional semifinals for the eighth consecutive year, the longest current streak in the nation. The Blue Devils will play fifth-seeded Michigan State.

It wasn't an easy trip.

Duke was embarrassed after squeaking out a 57-46 victory over 16th-seeded Delaware State in the first round, and the Blue Devils had their hands full with ninth-seeded Mississippi State



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewsk calls a play during a 63-55 victory over Mississippi State, his record 66th in NCAA tournament play.

Williams scored three-point play to give Duke the lead for good at 53-50 with 4:19 to go, then blocked Lawrence Roberts' shot at the other end. Redick scored on a fadeaway and, after a Mississinni State miss Ewing pushed in Redick's miss to make

Michigan State 72, Vermont 61: At Worcester, Mass., Maurice Ager scored 19 points and Paul Davis had 11 points and 14 rebounds to send Michigan State to the regional semifinals.

Largely ignored during the Big Ten season while Illinois took over the top of the national rankings, Michigan State (24-6) found itself the sentimental second choice again in Worcester after 13th-seeded Vermont (25-7) beat Syracuse for the school's first NCAA tournament victory.

The crowd was heavily tilted toward Vermont, and outgoing coach Tom Brennan's sense of humor won over many of the rest. But star center Taylor Coppenrath went into a shooting slump — making only five of 23 shots for 16 points. T.J. Sorrentine scored 26 points but made just six of 15 shots from three-point range.

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## NCAA tournament: Syracuse Regional

# **Heels make it look easy**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Sean May had 24 points and 17 rebounds and sixth man Marvin Williams finished with a ca-reer-high 15 rebounds, helping top-seeded North Carolina to a smashing 92-65 victory over Iowa State on Sunday and propelling the Tar Heels into the NCAA tournament's second weekend for the first time in five seasons.

Williams scored 20 points tying his season high for the second consecutive game — and Rashad McCants added 17 for North Carolina (29-4), which went to the Final Four in 2000 before the tournament drought. Now, coach Roy Williams has the Tar Heels back in the regional semifinals in his second season. the 10th time he's made it that far in 17 NCAA tournament appear-

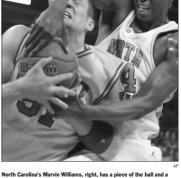
The Tar Heels will face fifth-seeded Villanova next weekend in the Syracuse Regional. Jared Homan, playing in his final game, finished with 19 points and 20 rebounds for Iowa State

Villanova 76, Florida 65: At Nashville, Tenn., backup center Jason Fraser scored 21 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to help Villanova (24-7) make the round of 16 for the first time since 1988

With leading scorer Allan Ray struggling and Curtis Sumpter sitting out much of the game with knee problems, Fraser and guard Randy Fove took over.

Foye had 18 points to help pick up the slack.

The fourth-seeded Gators (24-8) were held to 38.5 shooting and got little offensive support for David Lee, who had 20 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and three steals before fouling out. Matt Walsh finished with 12 points, but was only 4-for-13 from the field Anthony Roberson, the leading scorer in the Southeastern Confer ence, went 1-for-8 and finished with five points



piece of Iowa State's Jared Homan during a battle for a rebound in Sunday's NCAA tournament game, Top-seeded Carolina won 92-65.

Oklahoma City, upstart Bucknell couldn't find a way to handle Wisconsin's potent pair of Mike Wilkinson and Zach Morley.

The 6-foot-8 forwards consis tently put themselves in all the right places, especially when things were tight in the second half, carrying the Badgers to victory in the second round of the Syracuse Regional and sending 14th-seeded Bucknell back to its Pennsylvania campus with plenty to be proud of nonetheless after shocking Syracuse in the first

Morley, who was shut out in 28 Wisconsin 71, Bucknell 62: At minutes of a first-round victory over Northern Iowa, was 6-for-7 from the field with three three-pointers and 15 points. His tap-in with 8:41 left put the Badgers (24-8) ahead for good and he protected the lead with rebounds on the next two defensive stands.

The Bison (24-9) were still within four points when Wilkinson showed why he's won more games than any player in school

He personally went on a 7-2

run, capped by a three-point play to push the lead back to nine, virtually ending Bucknell's bid to become just the third No. 14 seed to reach the NCAA's round of 16. He finished with 23 points and nine rebounds.

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consecutive seasons for the first

(26-6) will play third-seeded Ari-zona (29-6) next weekend. It will

match the two oldest coaches in

the tournament Arizona's Lute

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The second-seeded Cowboys

time since 1991-92.

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NCAA tournament: Chicago, Albuquerque Regionals

## Louisville charges into Sweet 16 16!" Garcia was beaming as he reer-high 31 points to move Okla-

NASHVILLE Tenn cisco Garcia scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half and Taquan Dean stopped any hope Georgia Tech had for a rally with three straight three-pointers, sealing a 76-54 victory that sent Louisville to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1997.

Dean finished with 14 points, all but two on three-pointers, and also had six rebounds and two assists. Larry O'Bannon added 16 points for the fourth-seeded Car dinals (31-4), who have won 20 of their last 21

As the final seconds ticked down, the thousands of Cardinals fans who were lining up Saturday night to buy leftover tickets started chanting "Sweet 16! Sweet came out of the game and hugged coach Rick Pitino, who improved to 29-9 in 11 NCAA tournament appearances.

It was a swift end for the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets (20-12), who made a thrilling run to the title game last year. Though they returned almost the entire team, they looked more like newcomers than crusty veter-ans against the Cardinals and their 2-3 zone. They trailed by

shooting less than 38 percent.

Chicago Regional

Oklahoma State 85, Southern

Illinois 77: At Oklahoma City,

Ivan McFarlin scored a ca-

double digits less than five minutes into the game, and ended up

(27-8) with 22 points. Seventh-seeded Southern Illinois got within 72-68 on Tatum's three-pointer, but JamesOn Curry answered with a three-pointer of his own

Oklahoma State hit all eight of its free throws down the stretch and McFarlin added a two-handed jam with 44.3 seconds left to keep his team ahead.

# Pittsnogle's plea: 'Keep me out, Coach'

# He'd rather sit and win than play and have NCAA ride end

BY PAUL ZEISE Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Center Kevin Pittsnogle is one of the top players for West Virginia. He was the Mountaineers' No. 3 scorer during the season and one of the team's go-to players at the end of games.

Yet, throughout most of the second half and two overtimes of the Mountaineers' second-round 111-105 upset against Wake Forest last Saturday, Pittsnogle sat on the bench and watched reserve center D'or Fischer take his spot on the floor.

Pittsnogle did not complain. In fact, he was quite happy about it. He encouraged his coaches to continue to allow Fischer to play because he believed that was what was best for the team

"I told coaches to keep D'or in there," Pittsnogle said. "What good would it do if I were in there and we lost? What fun would that be? He was a better matchup for us and he did a great job. I'm so happy for him. I'm so happy for this team.

"I've had plenty of opportunities to play and I'll have plenty more. Thing is, if we lose, I wouldn't have any more because we'd all be going home."

There are plenty of reasons the Mountaineers (23-10) are headed to the Sweet 16 - they face Texas



Kevin Pittsnogle (34) dribbles past Wake Forest's Eric Willia the first half of West Virginia's double-overtime upset of the Deacons.

Tech on Thursday night - but perhaps the most important one is the players' unselfish attitude

The Mountaineers' individual narts may not stand out - although Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said it is incorrect to believe the Mountaineers don't have a lot of talented players but the sum of the parts certainly has stood out in the past two weeks, starting with WVU's

tournament final.

"This is a special team, one of the most special teams I've ever been on," forward Mike Gansey said. "We have a great coaching staff and we all just work togeth er. I don't think I've been on a team that plays together as well as we do. Every one of us may have different abilities and talents, but all of us do whatever it takes to win — and that includes maybe deferring some of our playing time to someone else if they are doing a better job.

'I know (Saturday) I scored a lot but one man doesn't make a team or a win. I'm really more happy for our seniors than for anyone because they get to play one more game, which means this team will be together for at least one more game.

West Virginia coach John Beilein, whose system relies on teamwork and unselfish play, said that some of his players didn't understand the concept earlier in the season and that led to some of the team's struggles.

He said Pittsnogle's comments reflect a person who has matured now understands what it truly means to be a team player.

'It is very hard when you have a team with all of those high school stars," Beilein said. "You have to figure out a way to fit in Everyone has to know their role. J.D. (Collins) and Kevin struggled with that throughout the year. When we realized that (evervone has a role) it made us a very good team."

Fischer, who had 15 points, 10 rehounds and three blocked shots while helping to slow Wake Forest's superb center Eric Williams, said he wasn't surprised by Pitts nogle's comments because they capture the spirit of what makes this team tick.

"If it were me on the bench and Kevin in the game, I'd say the same thing," Fischer said. "Who cares about individual stuff if the team loses? Kevin has carried us a lot this year but tonight it was just my time to step up.

'Next game, it will be someone else. That's what makes us tough to beat.

"I think the most important thing coach Beilein tells us all is to be ready. Be ready to make a play and be ready to make a difference when it is your turn. That's what it takes to win

Fischer also pointed out the second part of the story. Only min-utes after Fischer fouled out in the second overtime, Pittsnogle stepped in and hit the three-point-er that put Wake Forest away.

After Wake Forest trimmed West Virginia's lead to 100-96, the Mountaineers worked the ball around to Pittsnogle, who stepped up and hit a three-pointer from the deep corner to push the lead to 103-96 with 2:30 to play. The shot seemed to deflate the Demon Deacons for good.

"What good would pouting do? Pittsnogle said. "I knew I had to be ready to go in, and once I went in I knew I had to do what I do:

"It just goes to show if you play as a team, put the team first, good things will happen for you. You'll get your chance. I got mine and I was just glad I could help the team win. But that doesn't make me any different than any other guy in this locker room.

We're in this thing together. We always have been and we always will be."

# Durham, 67, retires after 633 wins, two Final Fours

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jacksonville's Hugh Durham retired Monday, the school announced, ending a 45-year coaching career during which he took two schools to the NCAA tournament's Final



Durham, 67, retires with a career record of 633-429 (.596) after his final team

16-13. He's 25th on the career victory list.

Durham was 106-119 in eight

easons at Jacksonville following stints at Florida State, where he was 230-95 from 1960 to 1978, and Georgia, where he was 297-215 from 1979 to 1995. He took Florida State to the

NCAA title game in 1972, losing to UCLA, and Georgia to the semi-finals in 1983, falling to eventual champion North Carolina State

## Racing hall nominates 20

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. Jockeys Jose Santos and Eddie Maple, trainer Nick Zito and 1997 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Silver Charm lead the class of nominees for induction into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame. Santos, a four-time national

Funny Cide onto the national scene in 2003, riding to victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness before his shot at the Triple Crown fell short in the Belmont Santos has also ridden six Breed-Cup winners.

Maple has more than 4,000 career victories, including two Belmonts. He was also in the saddle for the famed Secretariat's final race, a 61/2-length victory in the Canadian International in 1973 Regular rider Ron Turcotte was serving a suspension.

Zito trained Birdstone to a Belmont victory last year, adding the final leg of the career Triple Crown to his earlier Kentucky Derby victories with Strike the (1991) and Go for Gin (1994) and a Preakness victory

with Louis Quatorze (1996)

The 2005 slate is the first selected using rules similar to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The 163 voters will pick up to three finalists in each category. To be inducted, an individual must be named on at least 75 percent of ballots received. If more than one nominee reaches 75 percent, the one with the higher percentage will be the sole inductee in that category. If no candidate receives 75 percent, the category will not have an in-ductee this year.

# to Paris in 2012 chase

LONDON - London Mayor Ken Livingstone claims the Brit ish capital is assured of at least 25 votes in the first round of balloting July 6 to pick the host city of the 2012 Olympics.

During its meeting in Singapore, the International Olympic Committee will pick a host from among Paris, New York, Madrid, Moscow and London capping the highest-profile bidding battle in Olympic history.

Livingstone, a key booster of London's bid, said Paris remains

the front-runner. "At most, Paris has got about 30 votes." Livingstone said Monday during a BBC radio inter view. "We have 25 votes and none of the other cities has more than and we've got about 30 to 40 egates yet to express an opin-

The full IOC assembly will vo by secret ballot. As many as 117 members should be eligible.

The city receiving the fewest number of votes will be eliminat-ed in the first round. Voting continues until one city achieves a majority. The key to victory is picking up votes in the second and third rounds.

Livingstone didn't say where he got his information. It's unusu-

al for bid officials to speak publicly about voting figures, and most IOC members don't give away their intentions

"We've closed the gap on Paris but the truth is, Paris is still ahead," he said. "No city is close to a majority on the first ballot.

#### Paris bid committee member on trial

PARIS - A member of Paris' Olympic bid committee was among 47 people who went on trial Monday in a major political corruption case.

Guy Drut, also an IOC member and former French sports minister, is accused in a party funding scandal dating to the 1990s. Drut, one of four former ministers charged, denies wrongdoing.

The case centers on a secret deal under which companies allegedly funneled millions of dollars in kickbacks to France's major political parties in exchange for contracts to build and renovate schools. Drut is accused of receiving thousands in kick-

backs between 1990 and 1993. The Paris bid committee had no comment on the case Monday, committee spokesman Jerome Lenfant said.

IOC president Jacques Rogge and the IOC ethics commission have been aware of the case for at woman Giselle Davies said Drut, the 1976 Olympic champi-

on in the 110-meter hurdles, was sports minister from 1995-97 and has been an IOC member since

#### WADA would appeal Greek sprinters' exoneration

PARIS - The head of the World Anti-Doping Agency would appeal the Greek decision to clear sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou of evading drug tests if the sport's governing body doesn't take such an action.
WADA chief Dick Pound said

Monday he would take the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport if the International Association of Athletics Federations doesn't contest the ruling. Kenteris and Thanou were ex-

onerated by the Greek track and field federation last Friday of dodging drug tests on the eve of last summer's Athens Olympics. They still face criminal charges related to the missed drug to and a motorcycle accident they al-legedly faked to avoid the test.

The IAAF expressed surprise at the decision and said its doping review board will study the ruling. The IAAF can accept the verdict, or reject it and appeal to CAS.

# Williams, Mondesi heal; Mets deal MLB, union

The New York Yankees' Bernie Williams and Atlanta's Raul Mondesi could be out a short time with injuries. The New York Mets acquired Kazuhisa Ishii to replace Steve Trachsel, who's expected to be out a few months.

Williams strained his upper back during bat-ting practice Sunday before the New York Yankees lost 5-3 to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at St. Petersburg, Fla., and is expected to miss at least a couple games

"Hopefully, it's nothing serious," manager Joe Torre said. "He'll get treatment. That's all that's planned right now. We'll have to wait

until tomorrow to see what it feels like.

training

without Derek Jeter, who bruised his left foot on a foul ball Saturday. He was sore Sunday but X-rays were negative

At Kissimmee, Fla., Mondesi injured his hamstring while running out a double during the Atlanta Braves' 2-1 loss to a St. Louis Car-dinals split squad. The right fielder is expect-ed to miss at least a few games, but plans to be ready for opening day.

"The doctor says one week at the most, Mondesi said

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., with Trachsel out 3-6 months following back surgery, the Mets traded reserve catcher Jason Phillips to the Los

Angeles Dodgers for the left-handed Ishii Ishii will step into the No. 5 spot in the rota tion behind Pedro Martinez, Tom Glavine,

Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano We were able to get a guy who has won And I like having two lefties in the rotation. It gives us good balance," Mets general manag-

er Omar Minava said. Ishii went 13-8 with a 4.71 ERA in 31 starts last season for Los Angeles. Often erratic, he walked 98 batters in 172 innings. He is 36-25 with a 4.30 ERA in three seasons with the Dodgers since coming over from Japan.

At Winter Haven, Fla., Philadelphia out-fielder Marlon Byrd and catcher Mike Lieberthal were injured during a 9-7 loss to the Cleveland Indians. Byrd dislocated his right ring finger while diving back to first on a pickoff attempt. Lieberthal was hit on the left elbow by a pitch in the first inning and was replaced in the fifth after he experienced some swelling. He's expected to return to the lineup Tuesday or Wednesday.

Jon Lieber outpitched Jake Westbrook in a

matchup of opening day starters, but Travis Hafner hit a three-run homer in the eighth for Cleveland.

In other spring training games:



Seattle's Randy Winn tries in vain to catch a homer by Arizona's Troy Glaus on Sunday.

Mets (ss) 10, Dodgers (ss) 9: At Port St. Lucie. Pedro Martinez pitched five innings and Eric Valent hit a three-run homer in the ninth to win it. New York closer Braden Looper blew his second save in three days.

Mets (ss) 5. Orioles 1: At Fort Lauderdale. Fla., Andres Galarraga and Ramon Castro homered for New York. Winning pitcher Matt Ginter allowed one hit and an unearned run in four innings

Twins 7, Tigers (ss) 5: At Fort Myers, Fla. Torii Hunter and Michael Cuddyer homered for Minnesota, which played nearly all its regulars and finished with 14 hits.

Blue Jays 4, Reds 1: At Dunedin, Fla., Josh Towers pitched five innings for Toronto, allowing one run and five hits

Astros 6, Marlins 3: At Jupiter, Fla., Floriright-hander Ismael Valdez struggled when he tried to go an extra inning. Valdez allowed two runs over the first four innings before giving up four in the fifth, Brandon Backe gave up two runs and three hits in five innings

als 9, Dodgers (ss) 3: At Vero Beach, Fla., Livan Hernandez threw six scoreless innings and Gary Bennett hit a grand slam in the eighth

Pirates 5, Red Sox 3: At Bradenton, Fla., Oliver Perez, slowed earlier in camp by shoul-der stiffness, lasted four innings in his second spring training start, then was told he would start Pittsburgh's April 4 opener against Mil-

Tigers (ss) 8. Cardinals (ss) 4: At Lakeland. Fla., starting pitchers Chris Carpenter and Jason Johnson struggled. Rick Ankiel, the former pitcher who switched to the outfield earlier this spring, was 0-for-3 with two strike-outs as the Cardinals' DH. Carlos Guillen, the Tigers' All-Star shortston and second baseman Omar Infante both played defense for the first time this spring.

Mariners 7, Diamondbacks (ss) 7, tie: At Tucson, Ariz., Javier Vazquez retired the first 16 batters for Arizona and Greg Dobbs hit a grand slam for Seattle

Brewers 8, Rangers 5: At Phoenix, Ben Sheets allowed three runs in three innings for Milwaukee during his third outing of the spring. Texas starter Ricardo Rodriguez boosted his bid for the No. 5 spot in the rotation by throwing five scoreless innings

Padres (ss) 9. Cubs 5: At Peoria. Ariz. Brian Giles and Mark Loretta each hit three-run homers and Khalil Greene added a solo shot for San Diego. Nomar Garciaparra hit two home runs, but committed three of the Cubs four errors

Padres (ss) 17, Diamondbacks (ss) 9: At Yuma, Ariz., Brett Bonvechio keyed a seven-run sixth inning with a three-run homer for San Diego and second baseman Jesse Garcia went 4-for-6 with two singles, a double and a triple.

Athletics 17, Giants 3: At Phoenix, Barry Zito gave up four hits and a run over six in-nings, and Eric Chavez and Bobby Kielty each hit three-run homers and Erubiel Durazo had a two-run shot off Jason Schmidt, who gave up 10 runs and nine hits in 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

Rockies, 6. Royals 3: At Surprise, Ariz., Jason Jennings struck out six in five innings and Dustan Mohr and Brad Hawpe each homered in a four-run fifth for Colorado. Kansas City right-hander Mike Wood retired all 12 batters he faced and struck out four, including the side in the first inning.

Angels 4. White Sox 3: At Tempe. Ariz. Casev Kotchman had an RBI double and Robb Quinlan hit a go-ahead two-run single for Los Angeles, Brandon McCarthy worked five innings and struck out four.

# drop fines for steroids

RV RONALD RITIM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - After listening to criticism from Congress, base ball players and owners agreed to drop the possibility of fines for steroid use and leave suspensions as the only discipline.

Members of Congress repeated-

pummeled baseball officials for the fine possibility during Thursday's hearing before the House Government Reform Committee. Management told the committee it was willing to eliminate the fine provision, held over from baseball's first drug-testing agreement in 2002, but union head Donald Fehr said he would have to consult with players.

"We do have an agreement with Don that the language after the disjunctive in the various disciplinary levels is going to be elim-inated." Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, said Sunday. "It will be just the straight suspension, which everybody knew was going to happen anyway. To the degree there was any doubt, I think this change should put to rest any concerns in that regard.'

Players and owners announced the agreement Jan. 13, but it hasn't been finalized.

"The agreement still has to be ratified, but the negotiators have agreed to modify that language," said Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel.

Commissioner Bud Selig repeatedly said during the hearing intent was to suspend players for all positive tests

We're glad the policy is now closer to what it was purported to be," David Marin, spokesman for committee chairman Tom Davis said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "If our inquiry achieves nothing more than getting baseball to give its policy the teeth it said it had, we will have done some real good."

Baseball's new agreement had called for a 10-day suspension or up to \$10,000 fine for a first positive test. A second positive was to result in a 30-day suspension or up to \$25,000 fine, a third in a 60-day suspension or up to \$50,000 fine and a fourth in a one-year suspension or up to \$100,000 fine.

After that discipline is determined by the commissioner

Now, it's suspensions only. Earlier Sunday, Sen. John McCain said he thought legislation may be needed to force a tougher plan.

'It just seems to me they can't be trusted," the Arizona Republi-can told ABC's "This Week" on Sunday, "It seems to me that we ought to seriously consider ... a law that says all professional snorts have a minimum level of performance-enhancing drug test-

Davis said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that he agreed with McCain's suggestion that the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency could be called in to govern baseball's testing. The agency oversees drug testing and discipline for U.S. Olympic athletes.

# N.Y. in line for 2010 Super Bowl – maybe

BY BARRY WILNER The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii - The 2010 Super Bowl could be approved for New York during the NFL owners meetings this week. Sort of.

Several team owners said Sunday they would look favorably on placing the championship game in New York for the first time But it's all still a big uncertainty because the city would need to have an indoor stadium.

Considering what a political football the project for Manhattan's West Side has become, construction of such a home for the Jets is very problematic.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue supports staging a Super Bowl in New York and the NFL's Super Bowl committee unanimously agreed. The league will hold its third cold-weather Super Bowl next February in Detroit — indoors, of course. Never has New York had a bigger chance at snaring the host's role.

The Jets will make a presentation to all 32 owners either Monday or Tuesday for conditional approval of the 2010 Super Bowl in New York "The Jets submitted the resolu-

tion, contingent on the West Side stadium being built and ready for the 2010 Super Bowl," league spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Among the obstacles to getting approval could be the fact the team won't play in the stadium until the 2009 season NFL rules require a stadium to have been in use for two years before it hosts a Super Bowl, something Houston complied with in 2004 and Detroit will have done for next year.

The Jets would not have done so. While former mayor Rudolph Giuliani expressed his support for the stadium project over the weekend, the Jets are facing strong opposition from communi ty groups and the owners of Madin Square Garden, who also are bidding for the land on which the stadium would be built.

Without the stadium, New York also won't have a chance of hosting the 2012 Olympics.

The Jets have committed \$800 million for the stadium project, with the city and state required to raise the rest of what is planned to be a \$1.5 billion total. Critics say it will be substantially higher.

Also on the agenda this week will be an update to the owners by Tagliabue on the prime-time television contract that expires after the 2005 season. CBS and Fox have renewed their AFC and NFC contracts for a combined \$8 billion over six years. But ABC and ESPN are still haggling over the prime-time packages, and several other networks publicly have stated an interest in being in-

volved if ABC/ESPN drop out.

Owners also will look at several player safety issues and discuss a possible alteration to pass interference penalties. Tagliabue will broach the col-

lective bargaining agreement ne-gotiations in his State of the NFL speech. There has been some movement in talks with the NFL Players Association to extend the contract that expires in 2008. The key issue is expanding the pool for the salary cap — and thus the pool from which the players get their money - to include additional revenue sources teams previously have kept for themselves.

An agreement in principle to exnand the pool has been reached. ut the main unresolved point is what percentage will go to the players.

When it comes down to it, it's still about money," said Harold Henderson, the NFL's executive vice president for labor relations. "There's still quite a way to go on

# Singh gets No. 1 rank but Perry gets trophy

By DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Vijay Singh didn't get to No. 1 in the world by playing it safe.

Having made up a three-shot deficit in three holes, he stood in the middle of the 18th fairway in the Bay Hill Invitational tied for the lead with Kenny Perry, with 174 yards and a big pond separating him from the flag. "I was try-



He had to settle for a return to No. 1 The phy went to Perry, who survived stunning

Singh charge Sunday watched in disbelief as Singh's 7-iron that looked perfect all the way landed in a cluster of rocks

and bounced into the water. Perry said "I was shocked." "Thank goodness I had to hit last. He



going at the stick and it looked like it was just going to fly right next to the hole. That was a huge break for me Perry

played safe. hitting to the middle of the green and lag-

ging his 70-foot nutt down to tap-in range for a 2-under 70 that gave him a two-shot victory over Singh and Graeme McDowell. "I thank Vijay for giving me that tournament," Perry said.

That was kind of a nice way to win one, knowing I could play left [of the water] and three-putt to win the golf tournament.'

He wasn't a complete charity case. Perry was accurate off the tee, and occasionally longer than

Perry finished at 12-under 276 and won for the eighth time in his career, this one worth \$900,000. Singh replaced Tiger Woods at No. 1, which was not nearly as dra-

matic as the conclusion of the tournament. All the 42-year-old Fijian had to do was finish fourth because Woods was chopping his way around Bay Hill and finished out of the top 20 for the second straight year But while Singh once obsessed

about being No. 1, he now cares only about winning.

And after his second runner-up finish in two weeks, the news that he was back on top in the world ranking was small consolation

"Big deal," Singh said after clos-ing with a 69. "I lost the tourna-



Carl Edwards takes a celebratory backflip off his car after winning the Golden Corral 500 on Sunday at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. Edwards, who is running a full schedule in Nextel Cup and Busch Series this season, won both series' races at the track over the weekend.

# **Edwards completes Atlanta sweep**

# Driver becomes first to win first Nextel, Busch races in same weekend

By PAIII. NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. - Carl Edwards had quite a weekend. Two races. Two victories. Two

NASCAR's newest star pulled off an unprecedented sweep at Atlanta Motor Speedway, racing to his first Nextel Cup victory Sunday - a day after he won his first Busch Series race.

Edwards pulled off a daring move on Jimmie Johnson coming off the final turn and beat him to the line by about half a car length to win the Golden Corral 500

"We're on a mission," the 25-year-old Missouri driver said.

"We're here to win races." Edwards became the first driver to capture his first victory in NASCAR's top two series on the

same weekend

Get used to it. He's an immensely talented driver who honed his skills on the dirt tracks of the Midwest. Johnson noticed the potential when Edwards moved up to the Cun series for the final 13 races last season

"You can see his intensity, his car control," Johnson said. "This guy is our next superstar.' He's also quite a showman. fter both victories, Edwards

climbed out of his car in front of the main grandstand, balanced himself on the window ledge and did a backflip onto the asphalt.

"It would be a shame not to enjoy it a little bit," he said. "I'm just trying to have a good time. Johnson, going for his second win in a row, grabbed the lead

from Edwards with 25 laps left and appeared to be strong enough to hold it all the way to the finish.

But, on the final lap, Edwards

got a great run coming out of Turn 2 and pulled up on Johnson's back bumper, Johnson went high coming through Turns 3 and 4, trying to block his chal-lenger, but Edwards went even

Edwards hugged the wall and traded paint with Johnson's car as they roared through the triov-al. Johnson bobbled slightly just a few feet from the finish, and Edwards slipped by on the outside to

win by a minuscule 0.028 sec-

It was another head-to-head duel between Roush Racing (Edwards) and Hendrick Motorsports (Johnson). The two powerful teams have split the first four races this season, and their drivers occupy the top five spots in the point standings

After racing trucks most of last year. Edwards is running a full schedule in the Cup and Busch series, trying to gain as much experience as possible. Clearly, he's a

quick learner.

Greg Biffle held on for third, followed by Mark Martin and Kasey

Johnson led a race-high 156 aps, followed by Biffle with 151.

Edwards was out front for only nine laps, but ran strongly all day At least Johnson shook off the

embarrassment of being docked 25 points and losing his series lead because his Chevrolet failed inspection after winning last week's race at Las Vegas.

"We were thinking about Victory Lane and being able to smile over our critics and everyone who thought we were doing something goofy last weekend," Johnson said. "We're going to prove what this team is capable of and change the impression some people may have of the team."

# Sorenstam goes to playoff to win fourth straight

Sorenstam

finished with a

2-under-par

The Associated Press

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN. Ariz. — Annika Sorenstam won her fourth straight LPGA Tour start, making up four strokes in the last three holes and then beating Lorena Ochoa on the first hole of a playoff in the Safeway International on Sunday.

Sorenstam's victory - the 58th of her LPGA Tour career - was her second in as many events this vear and sixth in her last eight

Golf roundup

70 to match Ochoa (74) at 11-under 277.

the Sorenstam, four-time LPGA player of the year and scoring record-setter, won her season debut in Mexico City two weeks ago, dashing the 23-year-old Ochoa's dream of a victory in her native land.

Sorenstam. champion, was 18 under last year. This year's \$210,000 first prize boosted her to \$390,000 on the money list and sent her LPGA-record career total past

#### Johnson wins Toshiba Senior

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. -Former California amateur star Mark Johnson won in just his 14th start on the Champions Tour, shooting a 1-under 70 for a four-stroke victory in the Toshiba Senior Classic. The 50-year-old Johnson, the

qualifying tournament winner known as the "Beer Man" because he drove a Budweiser truck for 18 years before turning pro, had a 13-under 200 total on the Newport Beach Country Club course

Keith Fergus (71) and Wayne Levi (70) tied for second at 9 under

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# **Cavaliers fire coach Silas**

# Cleveland appoints assistant Malone interim coach

BY TOM WITHERS The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Paul Silas was fired as coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday, his team fighting for a playoff spot after leading its division earlier this year. Longtime NBA assistant Brendan Malone was appointed interim coach.

Silas told The Associated Press he was informed during a morning meeting with general manage er Jim Paxson and owner Dan Gilbert.

Silas' son, assistant Stephen

Silas, also was fired. "They didn't think the team was performing as well as it should be and they wanted to make a change," Paul Silas said.

Malone's first game as the Cavaliers' coach will be Tuesday night at home against Detroit. Despite superstar LeBron

James, fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilganskas and a veteran bench the Cavaliers have struggled



break. They have lost nine of 12 nine and straight road games, in-cluding Sunday's 105-98 loss to Toronwhen to

James

All-Star

scored a franchise-record 56. "We believe in our players, and that progress just wasn't being made," Paxson said during a news conference Monday. "We have 18 games left in this season We're fifth in the Eastern Conference right now, and we felt that if we didn't make this decision that we were jeopardizing our ability

to be a playoff team this year.' The Cavaliers entered the All-Star break at 30-21, then went into a slide, the decline marked by personnel issues.

The trouble may have culminat-

ed Sunday when Silas benched starting guard Jeff McInnis and replaced him with Eric Snow Snow did not score in Cleveland's loss at Toronto and McInnis, despite being dressed and available, didn't play

Earlier this season, Silas threw Snow off the bench after the two exchanged words during the first quarter at Detroit, a move that stunned the team because of Snow's reputation as a leader.

Last week, Silas was fined \$10,000 by the team for a derogatory comment he made about Utah forward Carlos Boozer. Silas made the remark to re-

porters a day before Boozer was to return to Cleveland after leaving the Cavaliers as a free agent last summer. Boozer didn't travel with the Jazz because of a foot injury. Silas later apologized.

The 61-year-old Silas joined Cleveland in June 2003 being fired by the New Orleans Hornets, having led them to the playoffs four straight times.

# Cavs' James becomes youngest to score 50

The Associated Press

TORONTO - LeBron James became the youngest player to score 50 or more points in an NBA game, but his fran-chise-record 56 points weren't enough to prevent the Toronto Raptors from beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 105-98 on Sunday.

"I probably played the best game of my life, but it means nothing when it comes with a loss," the 20-year-old said.

He easily surpassed his previous career best of 43 points, set Nov. 24 against Detroit. However, he committed a key turnover with 16 seconds left and missed two three-point attempts in the final 14 seconds

James finished 18-for-36 from the field and 14-for-15 from the line. He also had six threes, 10 rebounds and five assists. But Toronto's bench did in the Cavaliers outscoring Cleveland's reserves

"I don't care about individual stats, especially when you lose,

At 20 years, 80 days old, James eclipsed Rick Barry as the youngest player to surpass 50 points Barry was 21 years, 261 days old when he scored 57 for San Francisco against the New Knicks, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

James' point total also bested the previous Cavaliers mark of 50 set by Walt Wesley against Cincinnati on Feb. 19, 1971. Drew Gooden added 24 points

and 10 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who have lost nine straight road games and nine of 12 overall

Pistons 110, Spurs 101: At Auburn Hills, Mich., Tim Duncan sprained his ankle moments after



the tip and did not return, and Detroit went on to win a matchup of the past two NBA champions.

Chauncey Billups scored 25 points, including five straight late after the Spurs pulled within two, to lead Detroit to its 12th straight home victory.

Duncan turned His left ankle turned after he scored and landed on Rasheed Wallace's foot under the basket in the opening min-

The Spurs said X-rays were negative and he is day to day.

Suns 97, Grizzlies 91: At Memphis, Tenn., Joe Johnson scored 28 points, including a three-pointer with half a minute to play, to lead Phoenix.

Steve Nash had 13 points and 13 assists for the Suns and Shawn Marion had 14 points and 16 re-

The Grizzlies' Pau Gasol, the team's leading scorer, played 12 minutes on his return after missing 23 games because of an injured foot. He had four points and one rehound

SuperSonics 102, 100: At Los Angeles, Rashard Lewis had 27 points and 11 re-bounds, Ronald Murray filled in for the injured Ray Allen with a season-high 25 points, and Seattle held off the slumping Lakers.

The loss was the fifth straight for the Lakers — their longest losing streak since they finished the 1993-94 season with 10 straight

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 30 points, scoring 16 in the final 81/2 minutes.



Despite LeBron James' 56 points on Sunday night, the Cleveland Cavaliers were beaten 105-98 by the Toronto Raptors in Toronto.

Allen left the game for good with a sprained ankle in the opening period.

Nuggets 114, Bucks 103: At Denver, Andre Miller had 22 points and eight assists and the Nuggets made more than half their shots for the third straight game and won for the 11th time in 12 games

Kenyon Martin finished with 19 points for Denver, Earl Boykins had 10 points and eight assists and Carmelo Anthony scored 15 points.

Warriors 104, Kings 94: At Sacramento, Calif., Troy Murphy scored 29 points and had 14 re bounds and Golden State won its third straight.

Timberwolves 94, Rockets 86: At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett had 30 points, 17 rebounds and six assists to lead Minnesota over Houston.

Nets 94, Pacers 85: At Indianapolis. Vince Carter scored 39 points, including 14 in the third quarter when the Nets pulled away for a season-best fourth straight victory.

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# A fine first weekend

# Underdogs bring typical excitement to NCAA tournament

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and nights locked in inert stupor in
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with the recliner, we pause long enough to attempt to arise, however unsteadily, and
shake free from the derritus of cellophane
wrappers, crumpled soda cans and crumbs
of foodstuffs utterly lacking in mutritional
up during the first week of the Fine Madness.
The pause is welcome, for even the most
rabid hoon-heed needs the occasional oil

Bill Lyon

Change and lube job.

Besides, the Fine Madness will return in a few

days. Not a long enough delay for withdrawal pangs to set in. Sixteen left now. Just 16. The other 49 thrown out with the trash, uncere-

16. The other 49 thrown out with the trash, unceremoniously, without sympathy. They know how it works — everyone gets one chance, and only one. No exception. No exemption.

"The finality of it," said Oklahoma coach, Kelvin Sampson, sighing. "You have to play

good, or else ... the finality of it."

His team was a No. 3 seed. It didn't play good enough. The consequence was the ultimate finality. The Sooners were dismissed by Utah. The Sooners have lots of marquee company on the ride back home.

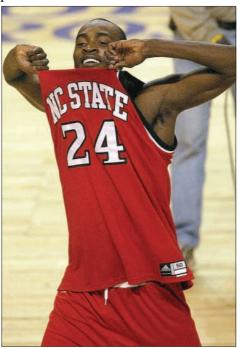
Two No. 2 seeds were bounced — Wake Forest and UConn. Three No. 3 seeds didn't make it through the first week — Gonzaga and Kansas joining Oklahoma. And three No. 4 seeds never got to the next level — Syracuse, Boston College and Florida.

Quite an impressive body count. Of the top 16 seeds, half were eliminated. At first blush, it seems more than the usual quota.

But then it always seems that way, doesn't it? Because every spring, without fail, early rocks are thrown into the office pool, and the ripples of consequence spread far and wide. Your early-round picks should always include an underdog or three; the trick, of course, is picking the right one.

Upsets are the appealing staple of the Fine Madness. That, after all, is the enduring charm of it, that the only certainty is the uncertainty. This is the one event in which it is guaranteed that some of the Big Boys are going to come crashing down, and sooner rather than later. No Sweet 16 has ever included all four No. 1 through No. 4 seeds. Never. And won't ever, either

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CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/KRT

N.C. State's Julius Hodge converted a three-point play with 4.3 seconds remaining to lift the Wolfpack to a 65-62 victory over defending national champion Connecticut on Sunday.



Texas Tech coach Bob Knight, left, had his wife Karen brought down from the stands to the court after his team upset Gonza ga in the second round so he could publicly recognize her for her contributions to the team.



Rob Thomas (2) and the Bucknell Bison fell to Wisconsin in the second round Sunday night after upsetting Kansas in the first round Friday night. Bucknell became the first team from the Patriot League to win a game in the NCAA burnament.

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